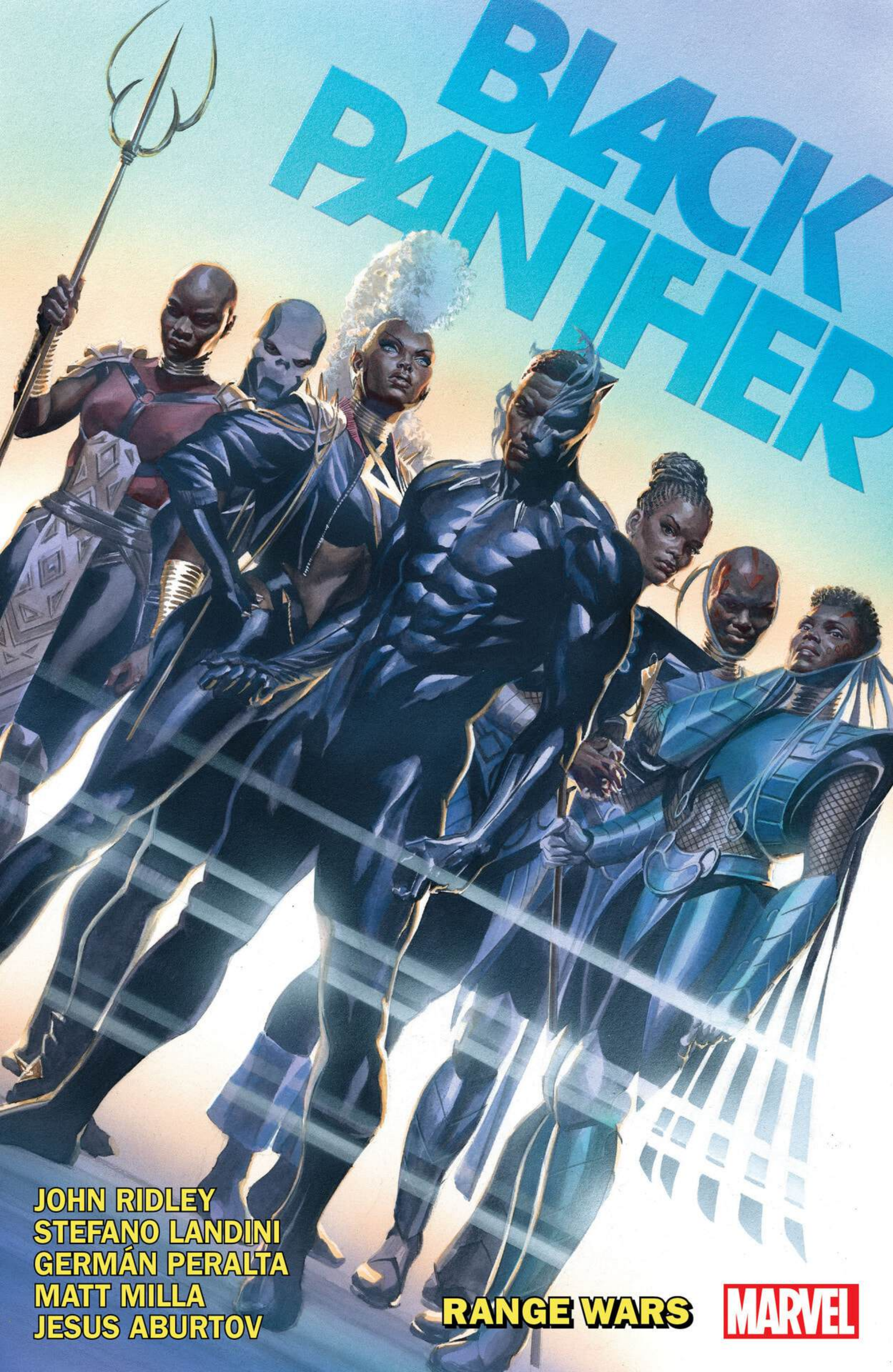


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PREVIOUSLY:

While **King T'Challa** was off-planet, **Wakanda** transformed into a parliamentary democracy. T'Challa reluctantly accepted the new governance — until a mysterious group started targeting his personal network of sleeper agents, starting with the murder of his best friend, **Jhai**. Now, with the help of **Shuri** and Jhai's partner, **Omolola**, T'Challa is racing to uncover the assassins before he loses anyone else.

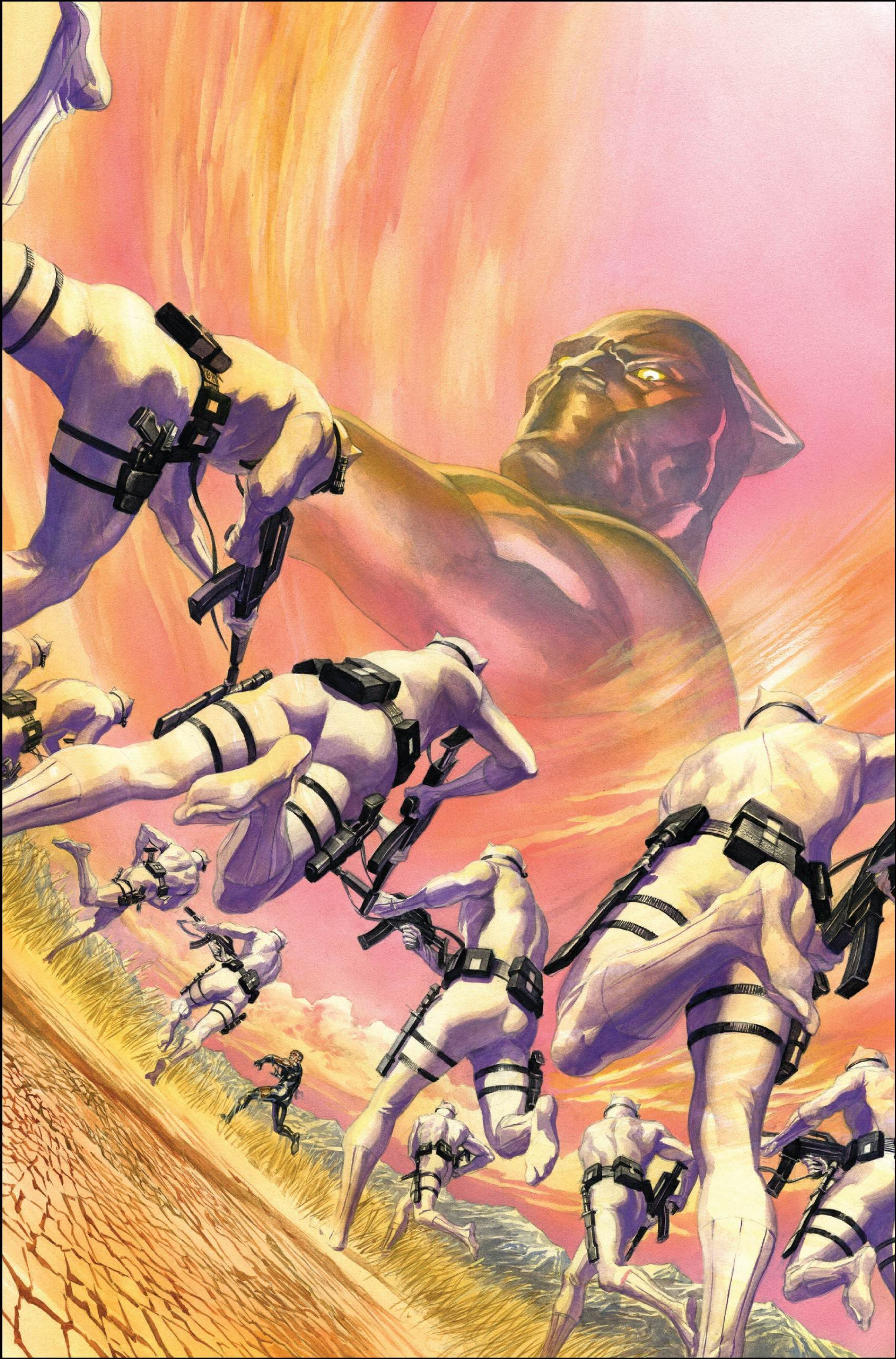
But after Omolola's deceptions made her the primary suspect and led to her arrest, the investigation was thrown into chaos. Omolola convinced Shuri of her innocence, and so Shuri found a new suspect: Who had more to gain from a destabilized Wakanda than **Akili**, the leader of Wakanda's secret police, the **Hatut Zeraze**? However, Akili had a suspect of his own — T'Challa himself. T'Challa escaped **Birnin Zana**, but after relinquishing the mantle of Black Panther, he must now rely on his own skills to fight off the Hatut Zeraze and prove his innocence, knowing he will soon have to reckon with the fallout of his own lies...



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**KILL
T'CHALLA!**



THOK

GRNCH

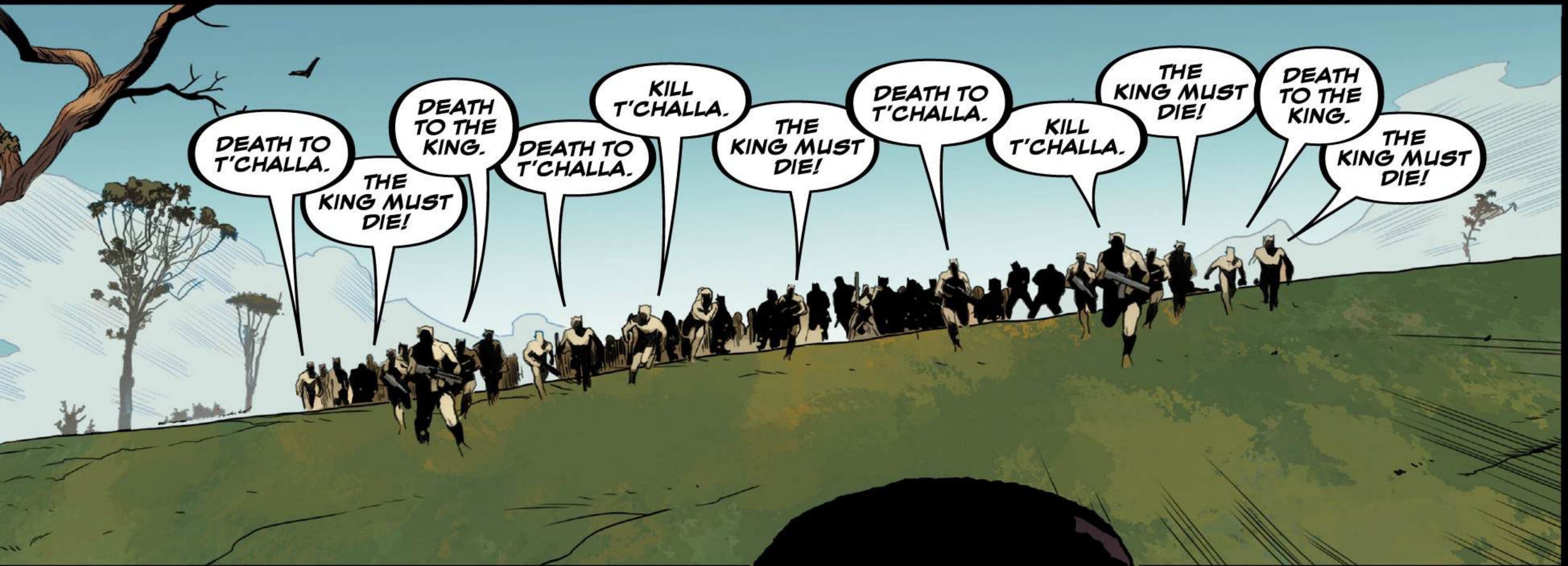
BRATTABRATT--

DOES
AKILI THINK I'M
STUPID ENOUGH
TO LET YOU
OUTFLANK
ME?

NAH. AKILI
KNEW YOU'D
KNOW WE'D TRY
TO OUTFLANK
YOU.

BUT
WE'RE JUST A
DISTRACTION.

THEY'RE
THE ONES YOU
HAVE TO WORRY
ABOUT.







DEATH TO
T'CHALLA!

THE KING
MUST--

TRUTH IS, I'VE
ONLY EVER HAD
ONE STRATEGY:

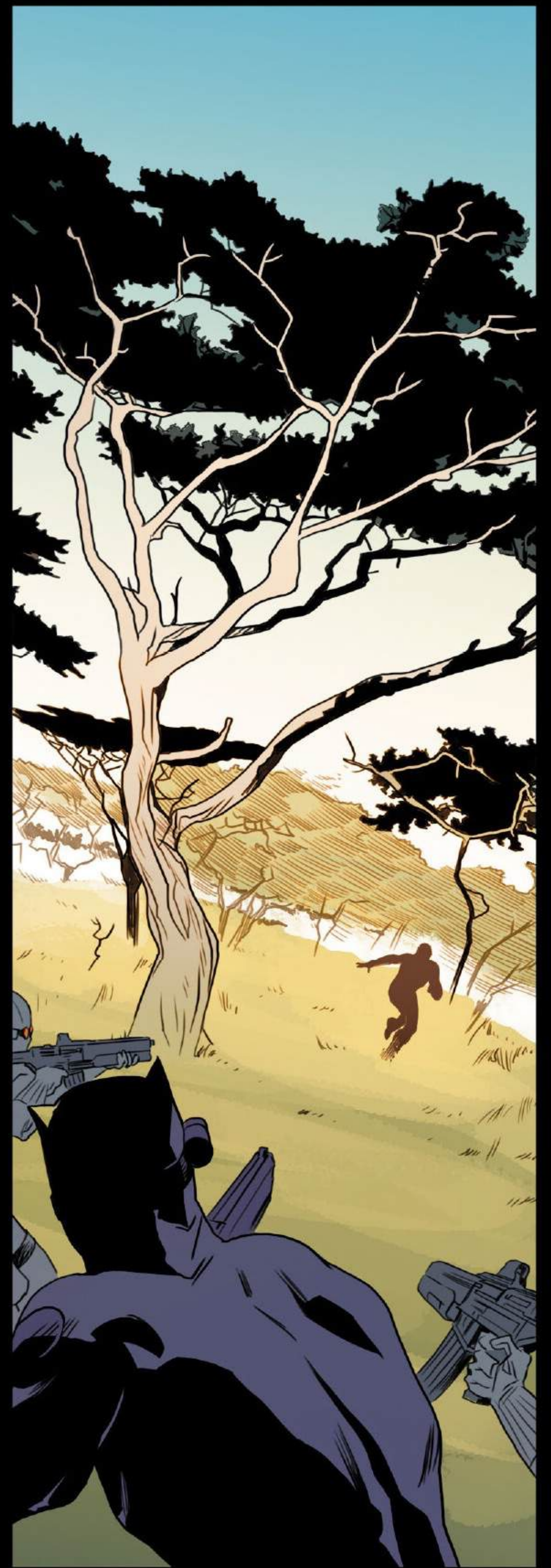
KILL
T'CHALLA!

DEATH
TO THE
KING!

AKILI THINKS HE
KNOWS ALL MY
STRATEGIES.

WHEN YOUR
BACK'S AGAINST
THE WALL...

...FIGHT LIKE
HELL.



**HATUT ZERAZE
HEADQUARTERS.**



T'CHALLA
RAN AWAY?

HE HAD NO
CHOICE. HE'S
OUTNUMBERED,
HE'S OUT-
GUNNED...

T'CHALLA
NEVER RUNS
AWAY. HE'S A
FIGHTER.



HE'S A
LEADER, MADAM
PRIME MINISTER. BUT
NOW HE HAS NO ONE TO
LEAD. T'CHALLA'S LIES,
HIS DECEPTIONS...
THEY'VE LEFT HIM
ALONE AND
ISOLATED.

I'VE
DAMPENED ALL
COMMUNICATION
ACROSS THE SAVANNA.
THEY'LL TRY TO HELP
HIM, BUT THEY WON'T
BE ABLE TO.

SHURI,
OMOLOLA...?



I KNOW HOW
T'CHALLA THINKS.
I'M ONE STEP
AHEAD OF HIM.

YOUR
ORDERS ARE TO
KILL T'CHALLA, AKILI.
BUT IF HE REALLY IS
ISOLATED--

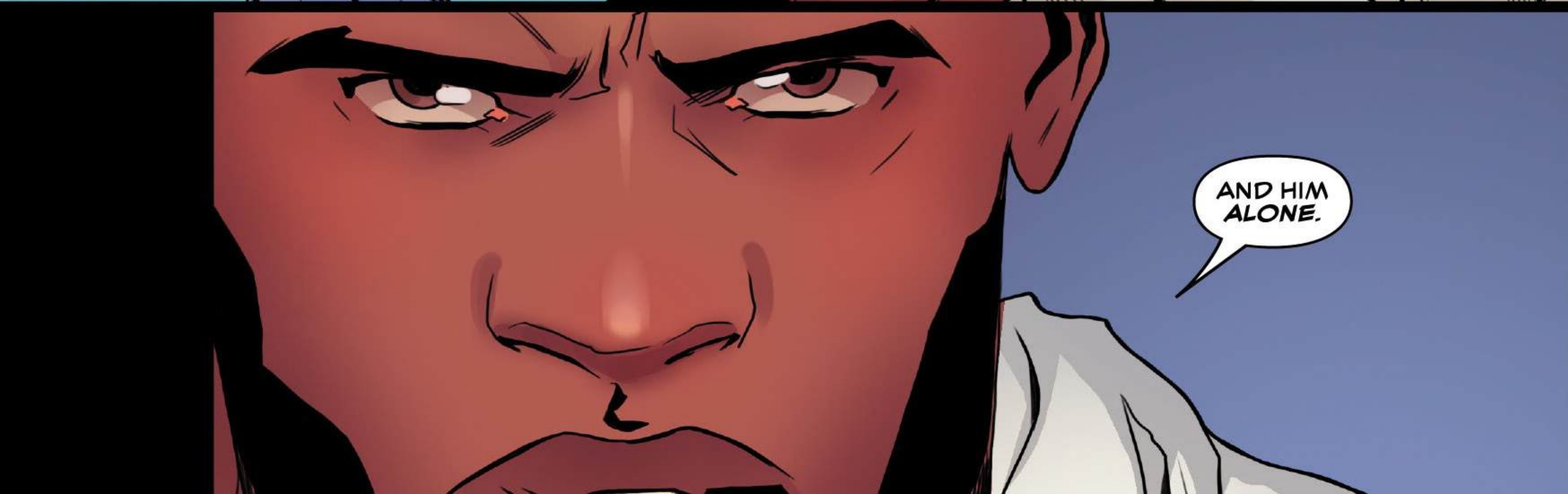
MADAM
PRIME MINISTER,
YOU PREVIOUSLY
TRIED TO DEAL WITH
T'CHALLA THROUGH
LEGAL REMEDY.

THAT PRETTY
MUCH TURNED
OUT TO BE A
%\$#SHOW.

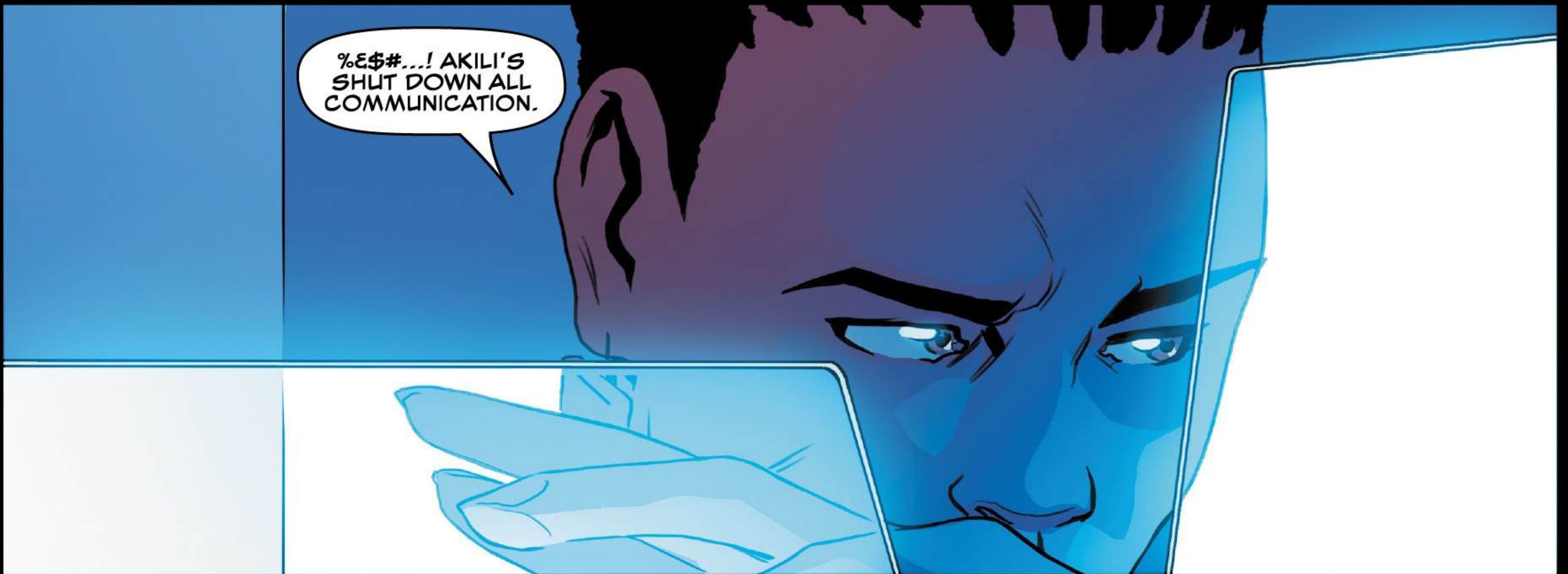
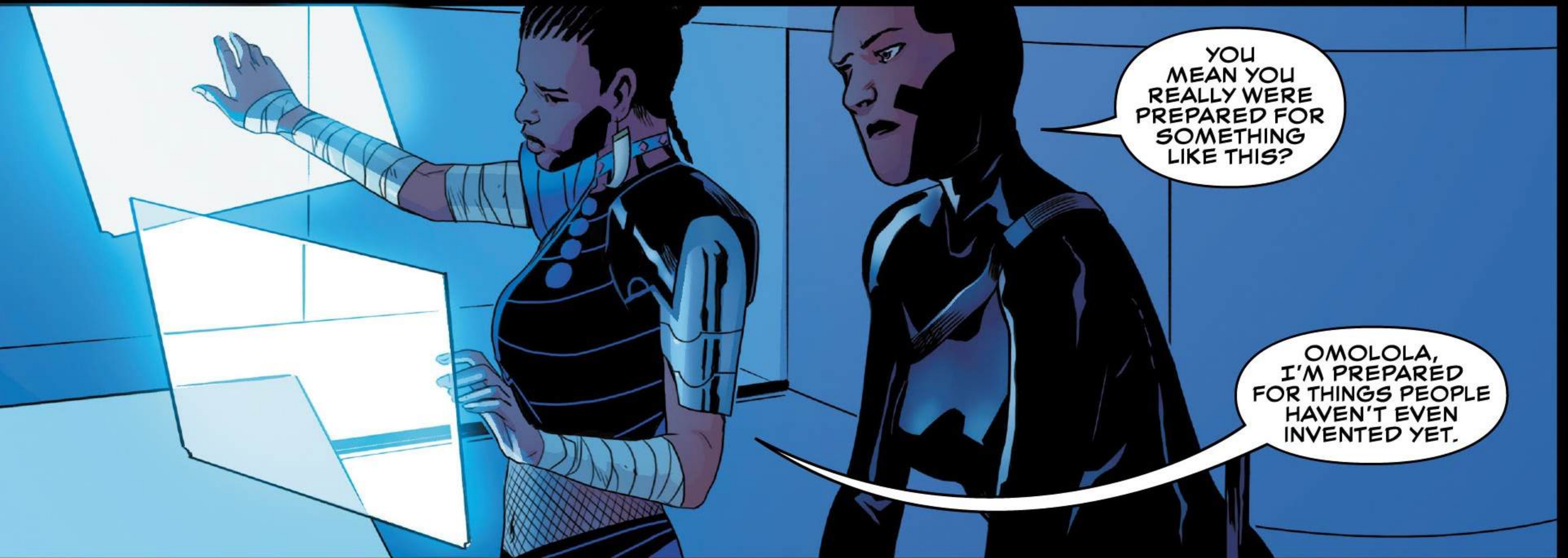


T'CHALLA'S
A LIAR, A TRAITOR...
HE MURDERED JHAI.
THERE'S NOT GOING
TO BE ANY LENIENCY
DIRECTED TOWARD
HIM.

HE'S BROUGHT
THE SITUATION ON
HIMSELF. IF T'CHALLA
LIVES, IF HE DIES...
THAT'S ON HIM.



AND HIM
ALONE.





I CAN STILL CALL IN SOME BACKUP FOR T'CHALLA FROM OUTSIDE WAKANDA, BUT...

BUT YOU CAN'T LOCATE HIM.



NORMALLY, NO. BUT I ACTUALLY HAVE A NANO-TRANSMITTER IMPLANTED IN T'CHALLA.

IT BRINGS ITSELF ONLINE FOLLOWING ANY COMMUNICATIONS BLACKOUT.

FOR REAL? I MEAN...T'CHALLA DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE KIND OF GUY WHO'D EVER LET HIMSELF BE TRACKED.

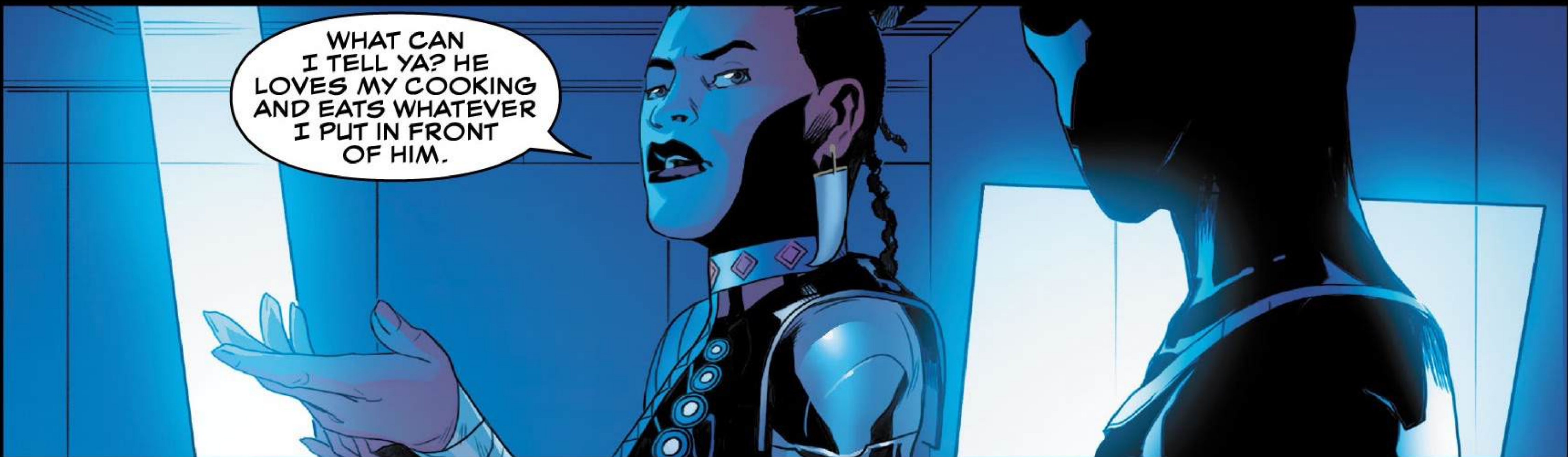


MMM, YEAH, WELL...

WAIT... T'CHALLA DOESN'T KNOW YOU HAVE A TRACKER IMPLANTED IN HIM?

MMM, YEAH, WELL...

HOW DID YOU SECRETLY IMPLANT A TRACKER IN T'CHALLA?



WHAT CAN I TELL YA? HE LOVES MY COOKING AND EATS WHATEVER I PUT IN FRONT OF HIM.



IS ANYBODY IN YOUR FAMILY NOT COMPLETELY TRUSTLESS?

IF THEY ARE, I HAVEN'T MET 'EM.



OKAY, GOT A SIGNAL. NOW...



"...LET'S GET
T'CHALLA SOME
HELP."



KILL
T'CHALLA!

THE
KING MUST
DIE!

DEATH TO
T'CHALLA!

DEATH TO THE
KING!

NOT...



DEATH TO
T'CHALLA!

KILL
T'CHALLA!

DEATH TO THE
KING!

THE
KING MUST
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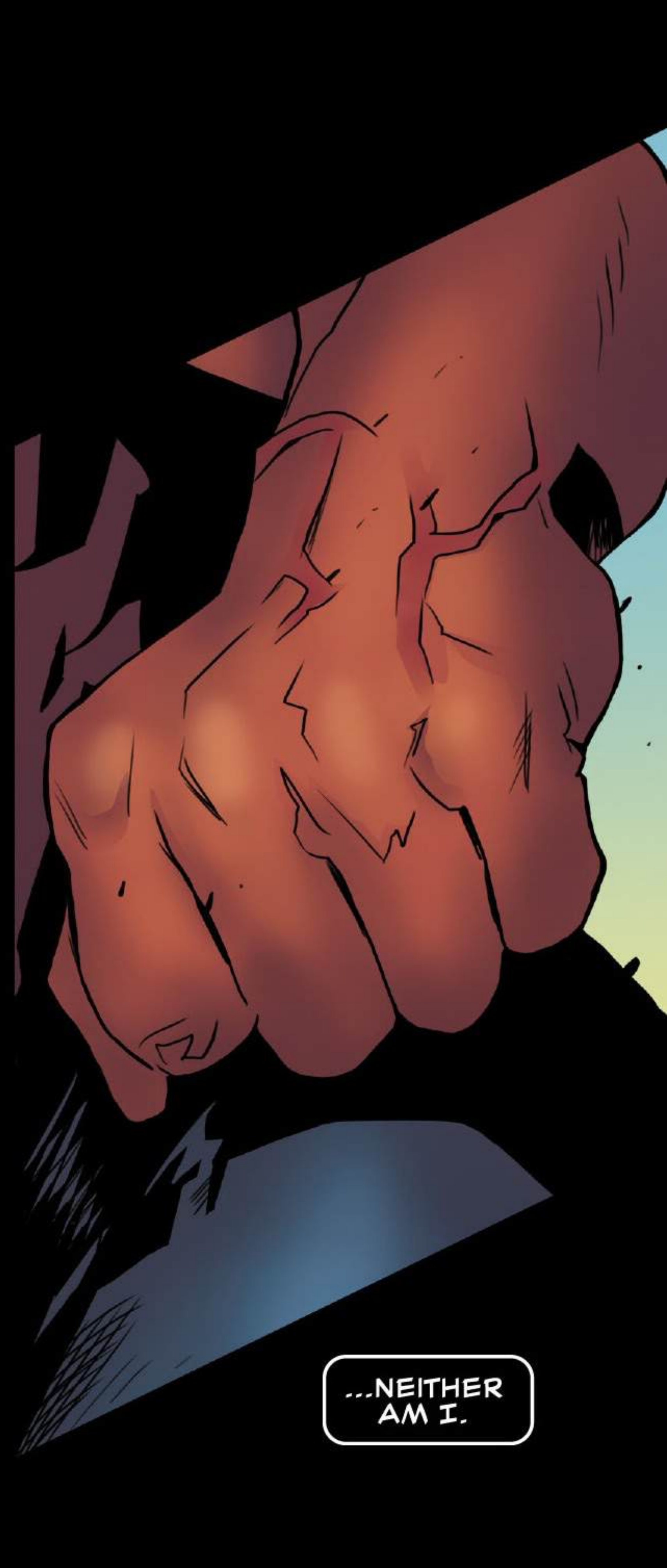
...GOOD...



...AT
ALL.



BUT
THEN...



...NEITHER
AM I.



KLOK

UHHH...

ZZZT

CRACK

CRACK

AHHH...

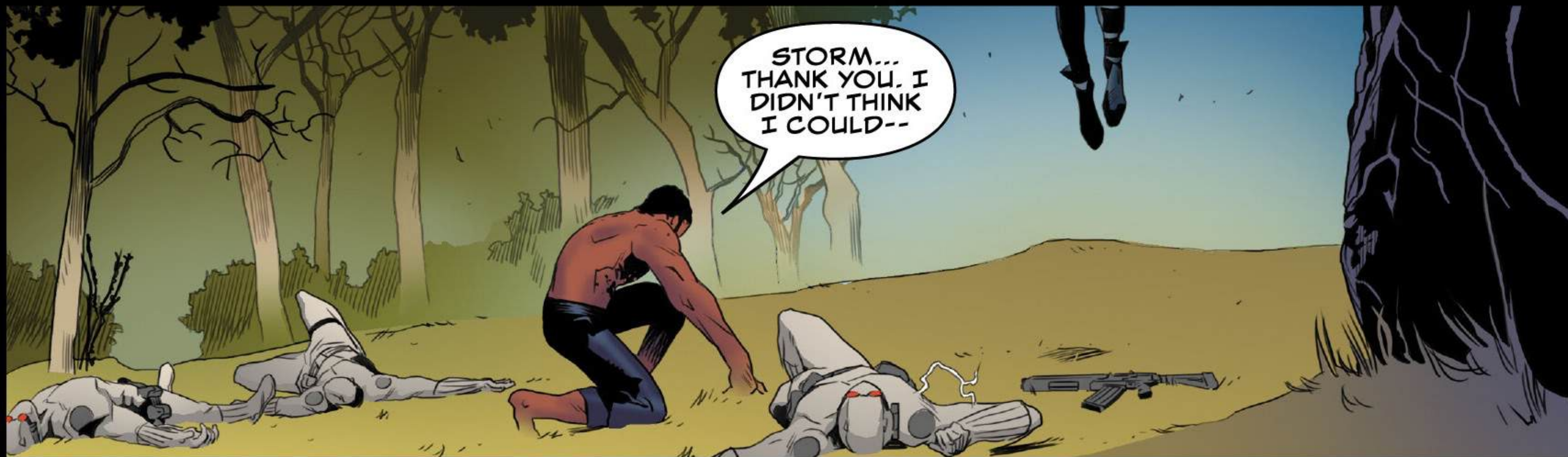


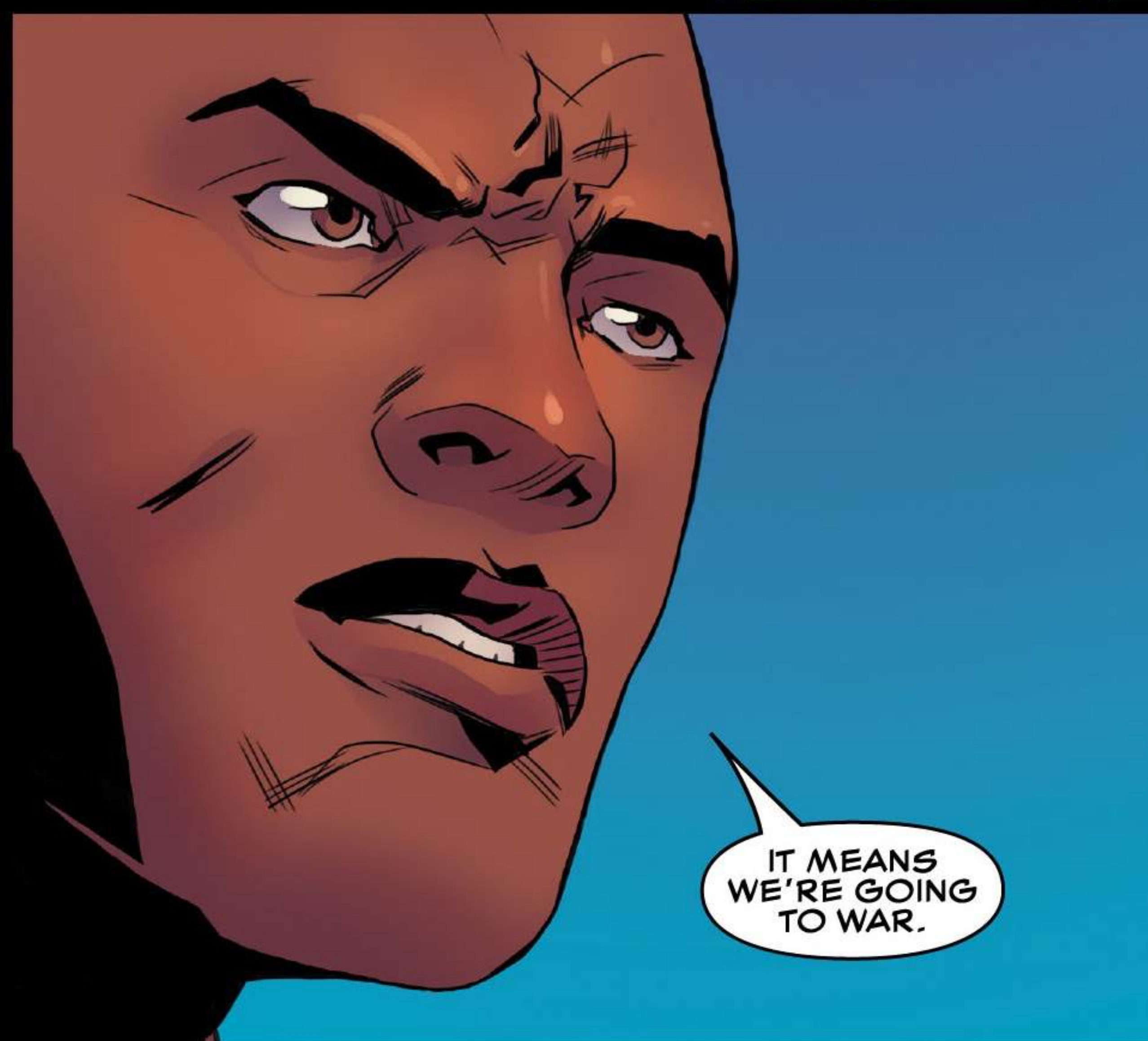
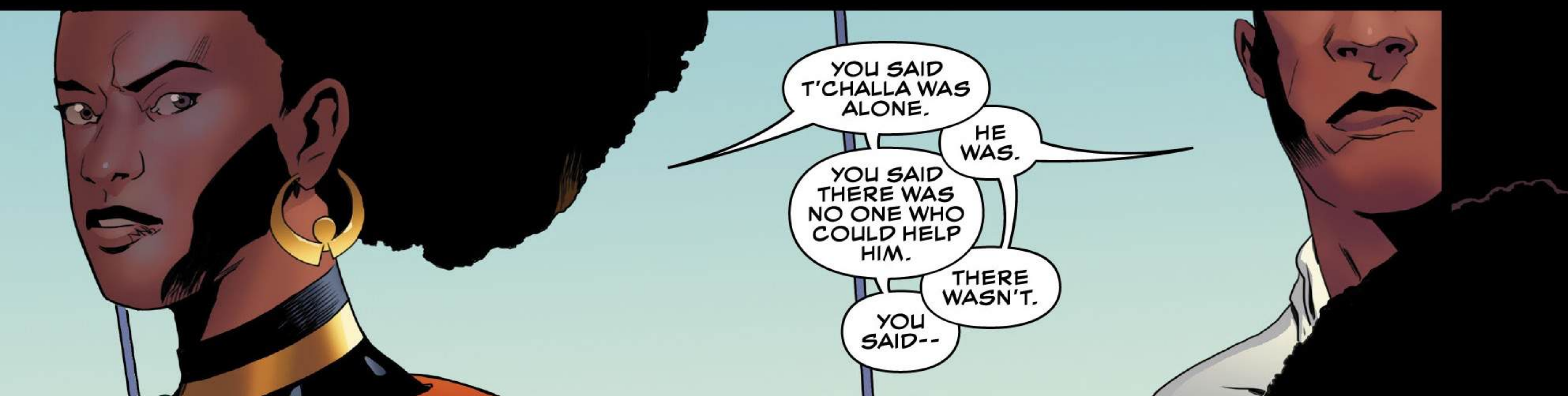
I AM.

AHHH...

NUUUHH...

UHHH...







I NEVER WOULD HAVE ATTACKED YOU IF I'D KNOWN YOU WERE WOUNDED LIKE THIS.

HERE, LET ME CAUTERIZE IT. THIS IS GOING TO HURT.

I CAN TAKE IT.

OKEY-DOKEY...



ZEEET



AH, £@#\$...!



WHY DON'T YOU JUST DRAW AKILI A MAP TO WHERE WE'RE HIDING WHILE YOU'RE AT IT?

DID YOU ENJOY THAT?

DO YOU ENJOY BEING A LYING PIECE OF £%\$#?



I DO NOT "ENJOY" LYING.

BUT YOU DO IT ANYWAY. YOU BRAINWASHED GENTLE--

THERE WAS NO "BRAIN-WASHING"--

--TURNED HIM INTO A SLEEPER AGENT, EMBEDDED HIM WITHIN KRAKOA, SO HE COULD DO WHAT? DELIVER RETRIBUTION TO US?



WOULD HE HAVE EVER NEEDED TO? I MEAN...WAKANDA AND KRAKOA DON'T HAVE THE BEST RELATIONSHIP.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DESTROYED THE KRAKOAN GATE IN WAKANDA.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SNUCK INTO WAKANDA AND STOLE SKYBREAKER.*

*BOTH OCCURRED IN MARAUDERS #13. --WIL



YOU'RE THE ONE WHO ANNULLED OUR MARRIAGE. ANNULLED IT. WIPED IT AWAY LIKE IT NEVER HAPPENED.

...LIKE WE NEVER HAPPENED.



AFTER THE AVENGERS BATTLED THE X-MEN...I KNEW THE WORLD WOULD ALWAYS COME BETWEEN US. AND BEING A KING WOULD ALWAYS COME BEFORE BEING A HUSBAND.

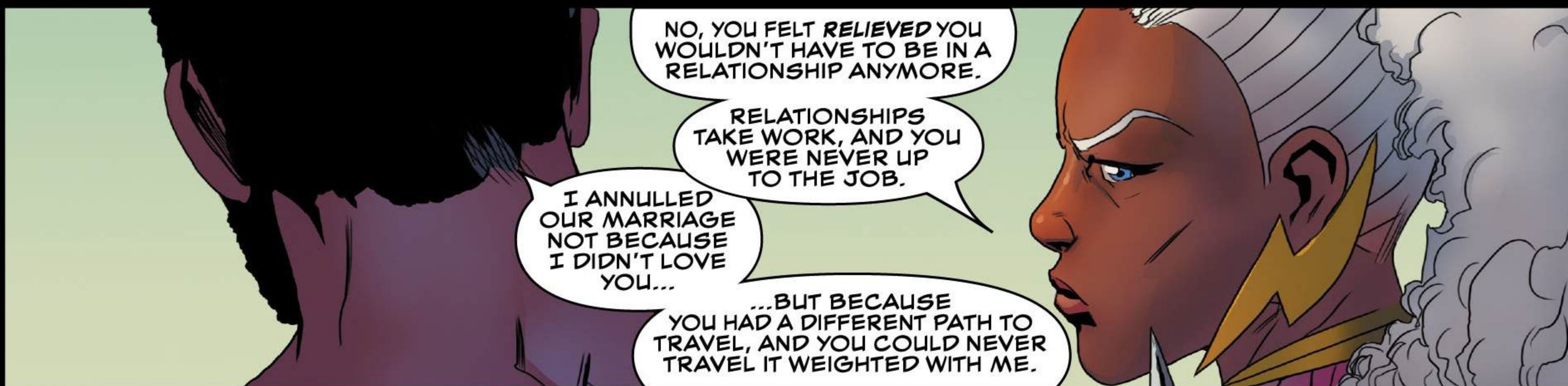
THE RESPONSIBILITIES I HAD TO SHOULDER... WHAT WAS I GOING TO DO, PUT THOSE ON YOU?



YEAH. THAT'S WHAT BEING A PARTNER IS ALL ABOUT.

WHEN YOU ENDED OUR MARRIAGE, DID YOU FEEL ANYTHING?

I FELT...I FELT HAPPY YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO PUT UP WITH ME ANYMORE.



NO, YOU FELT *RELIEVED* YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO BE IN A RELATIONSHIP ANYMORE.

RELATIONSHIPS TAKE WORK, AND YOU WERE NEVER UP TO THE JOB.

I ANNULLED OUR MARRIAGE NOT BECAUSE I DIDN'T LOVE YOU...

...BUT BECAUSE YOU HAD A DIFFERENT PATH TO TRAVEL, AND YOU COULD NEVER TRAVEL IT WEIGHTED WITH ME.



YOU'RE THE WORST KIND OF PERSON, YOU KNOW THAT? A LIAR...



...WITH A GOOD HEART.



IS THERE ANYBODY YOU EVER REALLY LET AFFECT YOU?

I NEVER THOUGHT SO...

...UNTIL I WAS STANDING OVER JHAI'S BODY.



"I'D SEEN DEATH BEFORE. ON PLANETARY LEVELS.

"BUT YOU CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT IT'S LIKE TO STAND OVER THE BODY OF THE ONLY PERSON YOU EVER REALLY CARED ABOUT."



ORORO... I DIDN'T MEAN THE ONLY PERSON.

IT'S ALL RIGHT. I ASKED FOR THE TRUTH, AND YOU GAVE IT TO ME.

THE TRUTH IS, A KING NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT ARE NOT BASED IN EMOTION--TO NOT HAVE EMOTION, YOU HAVE TO LIVE IN ISOLATION.



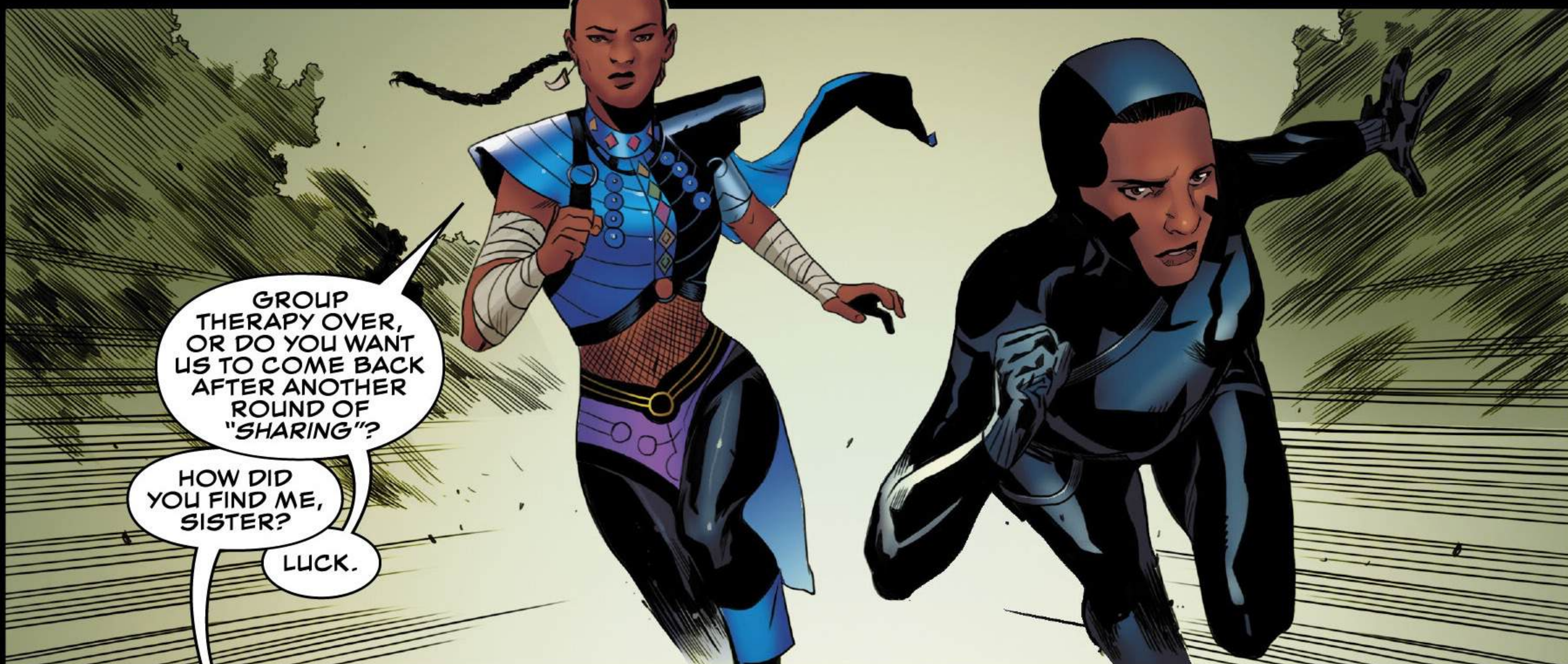
WELL, FROM WHAT I CAN TELL, IF YOU WERE LOOKING FOR ISOLATION...

...YOU GOT WHAT YOU WANTED.



WHAT I WANTED WAS TO BE ALONE.

WHAT I FEEL...IS LONELINESS.



GROUP
THERAPY OVER,
OR DO YOU WANT
US TO COME BACK
AFTER ANOTHER
ROUND OF
"SHARING"?

HOW DID
YOU FIND ME,
SISTER?

LUCK.



SHE HAD A TRACKER
IMPLANTED IN
YOU.

I "LUCKILY"
HAD A TRACKER
IMPLANTED IN
YOU.

HOLD ON.
YOU IMPLANTED
A--



HEY, YOU CAN MOAN
ABOUT THE LITTLE
THINGS--

"LITTLE
THINGS"? YOU
PUT A TRACKER
INSIDE MY--

--OR
YOU CAN BE
THANKFUL WE
CALLED IN
BACKUP.



YEAH, WELL...
I APPRECIATE
YOU BRINGING
IN STORM.

SHURI
DIDN'T SIGNAL
ME. I CAME
LOOKING FOR YOU
AFTER I FOUND
OUT ABOUT
GENTLE.



IF
STORM'S NOT
THE BACKUP,
WHO DID YOU
CALL?



SHE
CALLED US.



"I WANT TO BE VERY
CLEAR ABOUT
SOMETHING.

"WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW:
THIS *ISN'T* ABOUT BLACK
PANTHER. THIS IS ABOUT
WAKANDA."

THIS IS
ABOUT OUR
SURVIVAL. OUR
FUTURE.

AND WE
DON'T HAVE A
FUTURE UNLESS
WE STOP
T'CHALLA.

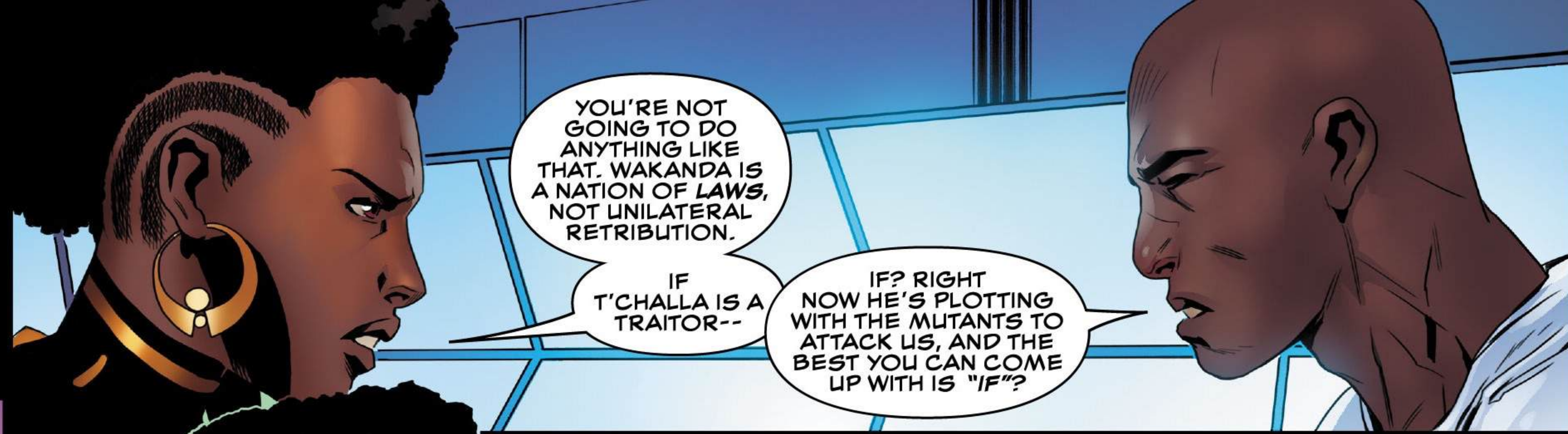
AKILI, WHEN
YOU SAY "STOP"
T'CHALLA...?

I MEAN
THAT EXACTLY
HOW IT SOUNDS,
MADAM PRIME
MINISTER.

T'CHALLA'S
A TRAITOR.

THE PUNISHMENT
FOR SEDITION IS
DEATH. IF NECESSARY,
I'LL CARRY OUT THE
SENTENCE MYSELF.





YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT. WAKANDA IS A NATION OF LAWS, NOT UNILATERAL RETRIBUTION.

IF T'CHALLA IS A TRAITOR--

IF? RIGHT NOW HE'S PLOTTING WITH THE MUTANTS TO ATTACK US, AND THE BEST YOU CAN COME UP WITH IS "IF"?



I CAN DO WAY BETTER. I'M RESCINDING YOUR EMERGENCY POWERS AND TAKING BACK CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT.

YOU DON'T GET TO DO ANYTHING EXCEPT **STEP ASIDE.**

YOU'RE WEAK, FOLASADE. AND YOUR WEAKNESS HAS LED US TO THE BRINK. POWER NEVER CEDES EXCEPT BY FORCE. I'VE GOT THE POWER.

YOU'VE GOT NOTHING.

I'LL SHOW YOU EXACTLY WHAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS.



YEAH? WE'RE WAITING.



NO! YOU'RE RIGHT, AKILI. I GAVE YOU THE POWER. USE IT TO **PROTECT WAKANDA.**

YOU'RE SMART, FOLASADE. A WHOLE LOT SMARTER THAN YOUR SUBORDINATES.

**BIRNIN ZANA,
THE CAPITAL
OF WAKANDA.**

PRIME
MINISTER, YOU'RE
JUST GOING TO
LEAVE AKILI IN
CONTROL?

KEEP YOUR
VOICE DOWN, IMANI.
THE HATUT ZERAZE
PROBABLY HAS
EYES AND EARS
ON US.

I WAS SO
WRONG ABOUT
AKILI. I WAS SO DAMN
WRONG. HE'S PLAYED
THE LONG GAME, AND
NOW HE'S STEPS AWAY
FROM RULING
WAKANDA.

WE
HAVE TO MOVE
CAREFULLY.

WHAT
"MOVES" DO
WE HAVE?

ONE. MAYBE.
IT'S NOT MUCH
OF A MOVE, AND IT'S
LIKELY TO GET
ME KILLED.

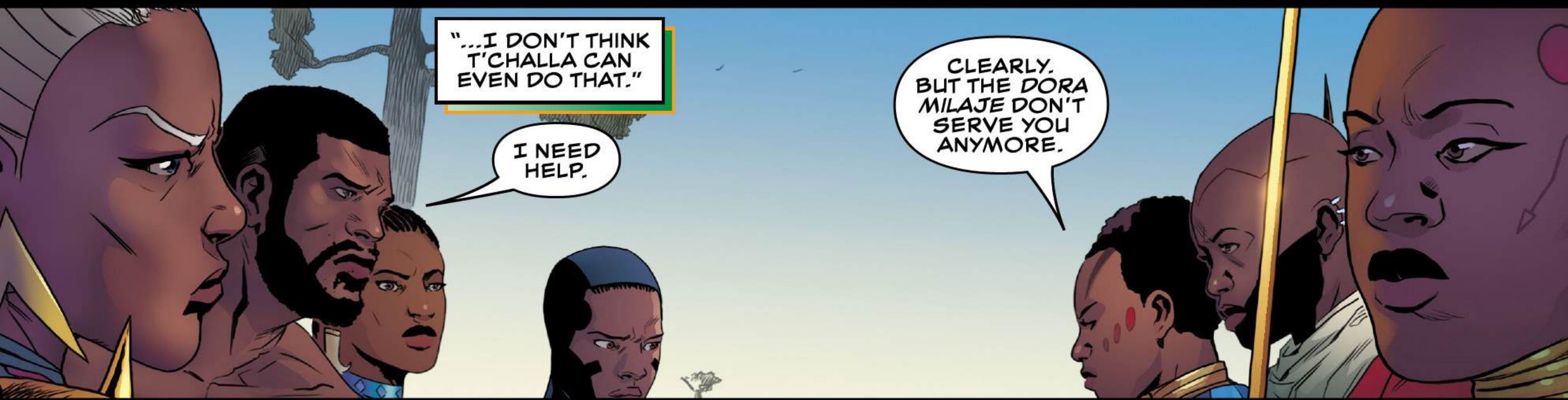
AKILI...HE
WOULDN'T--

WOULDN'T
WHAT? TURN ME
INTO A STAIN? AKILI'S
POWER TRIPPING. AND
A MAN DRUNK ON
POWER IS CAPABLE
OF ANYTHING.

WHAT ABOUT...
WHAT ABOUT
T'CHALLA? IF WE
COULD FIND HIM,
MAYBE HE COULD
HELP US.

T'CHALLA'S
LIES ALLOWED
AKILI TO GRAB
AUTHORITY, AND NOW
THEY'RE ABOUT TO
GO TO WAR OVER
WHO GETS TO RULE
WAKANDA.

I DON'T
TRUST T'CHALLA
TO HELP ANYONE
BUT HIMSELF.
AND RIGHT
NOW...



"...I DON'T THINK T'CHALLA CAN EVEN DO THAT."

I NEED HELP.

CLEARLY. BUT THE DORA MILAJE DON'T SERVE YOU ANYMORE.



YOU SERVE WAKANDA. I AM WAKANDA.

WE MADE PEACE WITH OKOYE FOR THE SAKE OF OUR NATION. BUT YOUR "I BE KING" ACT IS WAY TIRED. WE HAVE BETTER THINGS TO DO.

THINGS SUCH AS DISAPPEARING INTO THE JABARI-LANDS AND TURNING YOUR BACKS ON YOUR OBLIGATIONS?



NOT HELPING YOURSELF.

NOT--EVEN--KINDA.



ANEKA, AYO, SISTERS--T'CHALLA DIDN'T ASK FOR YOUR HELP. I DID. AND TRUST ME, I WOULDN'T HAVE IF WE WEREN'T DESPERATE.

THERE IS A...A STORY THAT GOES WITH MY CIRCUMSTANCE.



LET'S HEAR YOUR STORY. AND YOU BETTER HOPE IT'S A GOOD ONE.

PARLIAMENT.

READY?

READY.

TO THE PEOPLE OF WAKANDA, THIS IS PRIME MINISTER FOLASADE SPEAKING ON OUR EMERGENCY BROADCAST CHANNEL.

I COME TO YOU AS THE ELECTED LEADER OF OUR NATION WITH A WARNING. OUR DEMOCRACY AND THE RULE OF LAW ARE ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE.

AT THIS VERY MOMENT, POWERFUL MEN ARE PLOTTING TO USE BOTH FORCE AND LIES TO OPPRESS THE MASSES FOR THEIR OWN GAIN.

PEOPLE, THIS IS A CALL TO ACTION. RISE UP! FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHTS! FIGHT FOR YOURSELVES!

IF THE FEW ARE ALLOWED TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE MANY...

...THEN WE MAY NEVER KNOW FREEDOM AGAIN.

SOMEBODY FIND HER AND SHUT HER UP.

THE "MUTE ZONE"
VILLAGE OF
ZIERRA.

...DO WE
HELP...?

...WHY
SHOULD WE...?

...CAN'T
JUST SIT
HERE...

...HAVE TO
FIGHT...

WE DO
NOTHING.

THE PRIME MINISTER
IS CALLING FOR
HELP.

BIRNIN ZANA
IS NOT OUR CONCERN.
WE LEFT THERE LONG AGO,
AND FOR A REASON. THEIR
GREED, THEIR AVARICE,
THEIR *SELF-CENTERED*
NATURE...

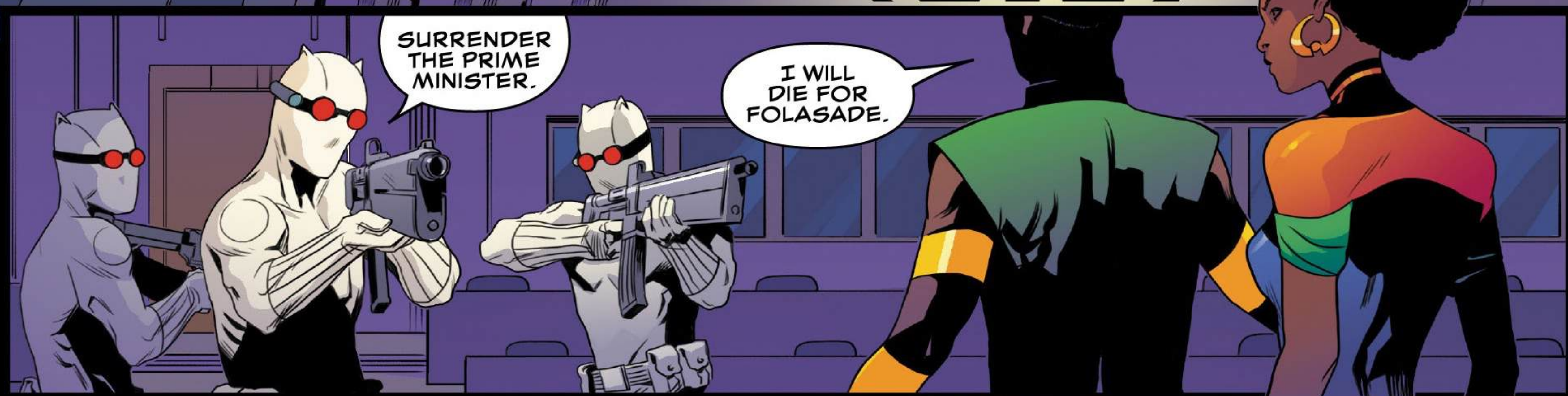
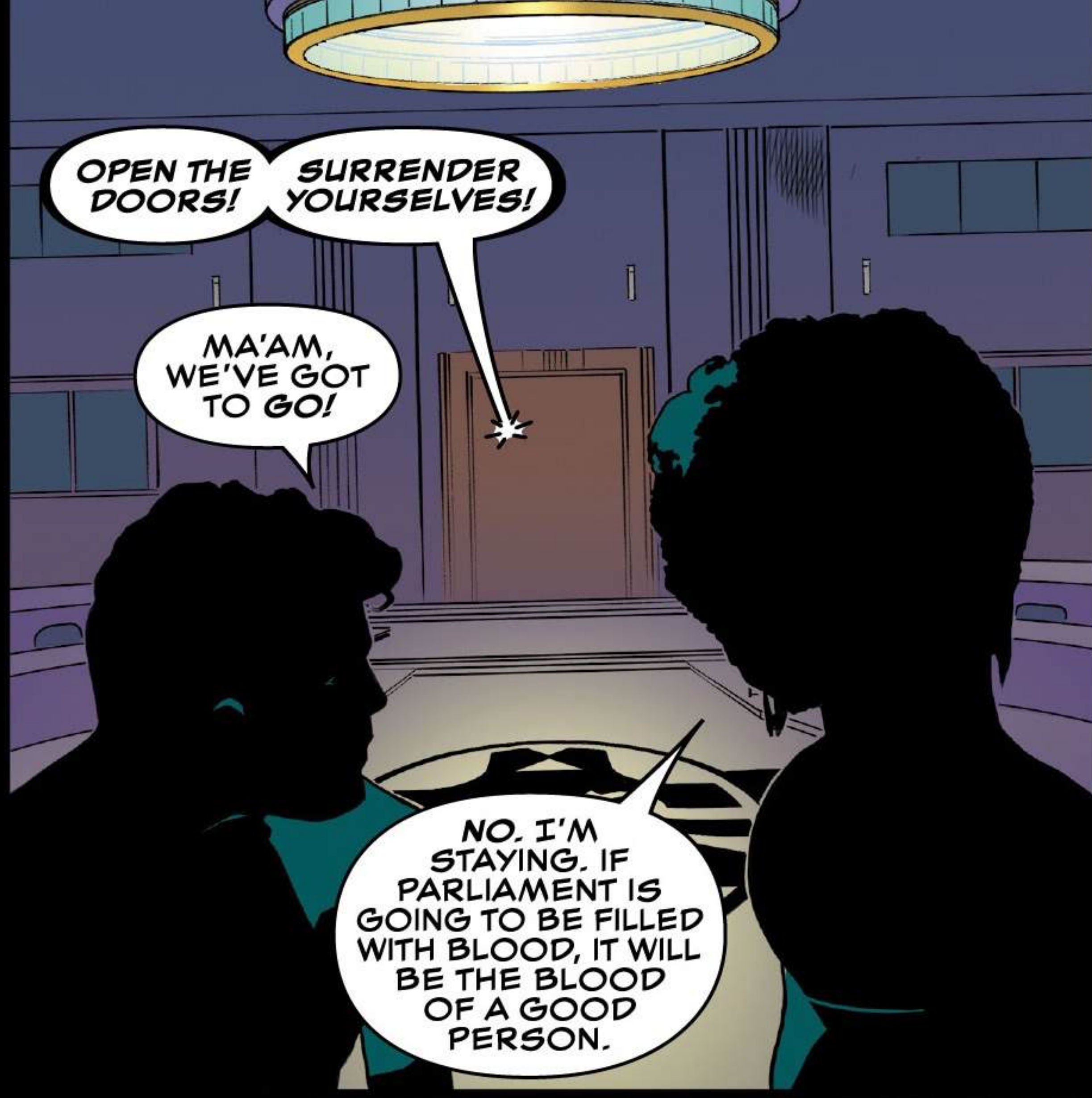
IT WAS AS
EVIDENT IN THE
TIME OF OUR
FOREFATHERS
AS IT IS NOW.

IF WHAT
FOLASADE SAYS
HAPPENS, IF
BIRNIN ZANA
FALLS...

WHAT OF IT?
MORE OF THE SAME:
ONE MAN, ONE RULE.

THEY BRING
DESTRUCTION
ON THEMSELVES.
LEAVE THEM
TO IT.







WHO THE
#\$%& ARE
YOU?!

I AM
TOSIN.

AND
I FIGHT FOR
THE ONE, TRUE
WAKANDA.

"THERE ARE NO
OPTIONS. THERE
IS NO CHOICE.

"HOW WE ARRIVED
AT THIS MOMENT...IT
DOES NOT MATTER.

"ALL THAT HISTORY
WILL ASK...DID
GOOD PEOPLE
DO NOTHING...

"...OR DID THEY
STAND UP FOR WHAT
WAS RIGHT?"



T'CHALLA, THAT ALL SOUNDS SUPER NOBLE...ISH. AND WE ARE SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF JHAI. BUT YOU STARTED A CIVIL WAR.

AKILI MURDERED JHAI AND USED ME TO START THIS WAR.

YOU SET THE TABLE. DON'T BLAME SOMEONE ELSE IF THEY DINE ON YOUR DECEPTIONS.

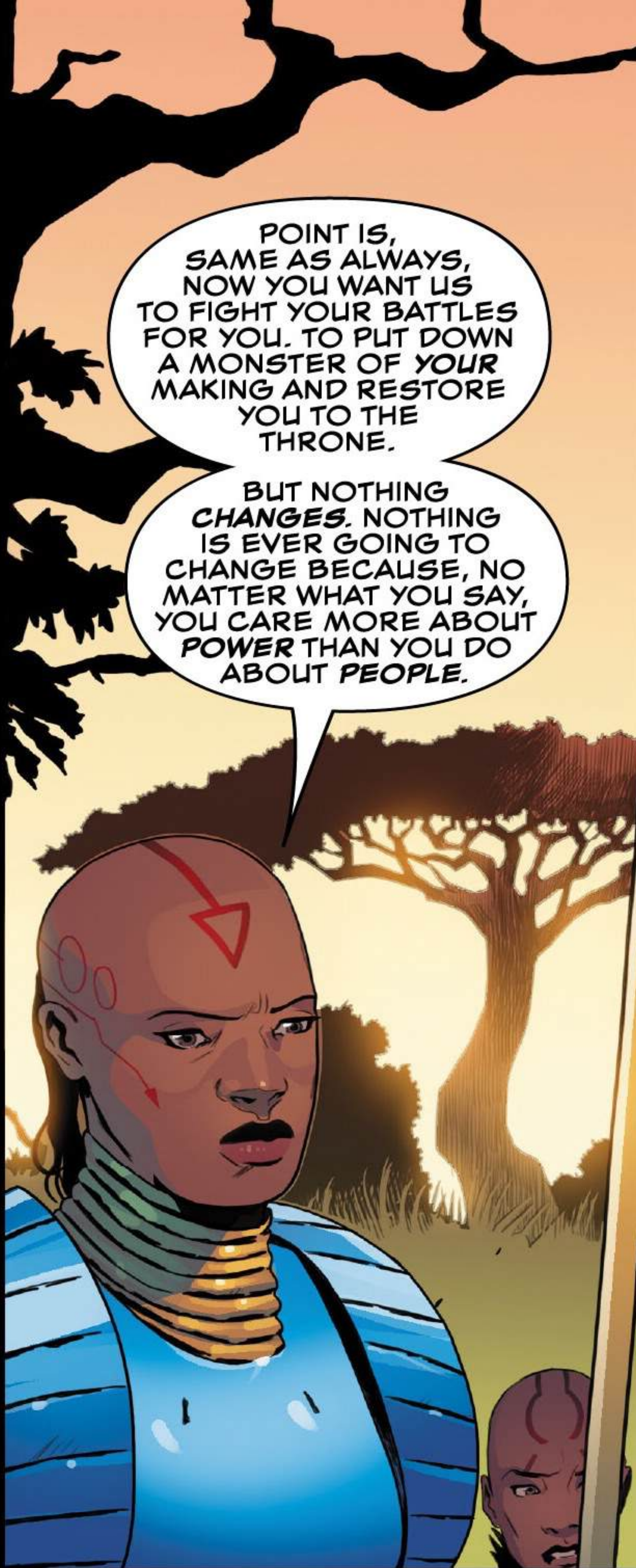


BECAUSE I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO RESTORE ME TO THE THRONE.

I HAVE BEEN WRONG AT EVERY SINGLE TURN. FOR ALL THE PEOPLE WHO I'VE TRIED TO HELP...I'VE HURT JUST AS MANY.

WHATEVER THE FINAL OUTCOME OF THIS BATTLE, I WILL NEVER AGAIN CLAIM TO BE YOUR KING. I DO NOT DESERVE TO BE.

THE ONLY OTHER THING, TO ALL OF YOU... I AM SORRY. I AM SO VERY SORRY.



POINT IS, SAME AS ALWAYS, NOW YOU WANT US TO FIGHT YOUR BATTLES FOR YOU. TO PUT DOWN A MONSTER OF YOUR MAKING AND RESTORE YOU TO THE THRONE.

BUT NOTHING CHANGES. NOTHING IS EVER GOING TO CHANGE BECAUSE, NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY, YOU CARE MORE ABOUT POWER THAN YOU DO ABOUT PEOPLE.



...DAAAMN...



THIS TIME WILL BE DIFFERENT.

YEAH. RIGHT.

IT WILL.

YOU HAVE LIED TO, DECEIVED AND MANIPULATED EVERY PERSON HERE. HOW IS RESTORING YOU TO THE THRONE **THIS TIME** GOING TO BE DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER TIME?



T'CHALLA...

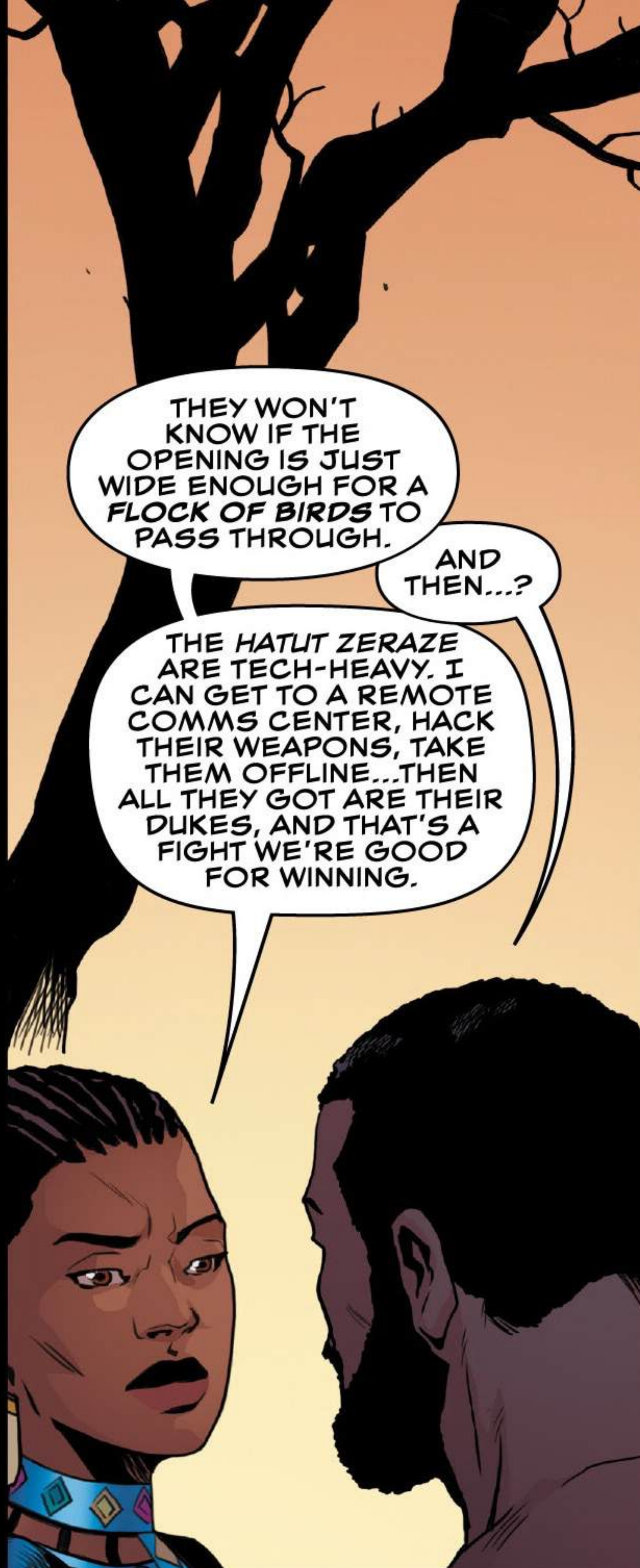
THERE'S NOTHING MORE TO BE SAID. ONLY FOR ME TO BEG. FOR THE SAKE OF WAKANDA...PLEASE HELP ME.



AKILI CONTROLS BIRNIN ZANA. WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO GET PAST THE SHIELD.

I CAN MANIPULATE THE SHIELD.

IF YOU DO, IF YOU OPEN IT ENOUGH FOR ALL OF US TO GET THROUGH, AKILI'LL KNOW WE'RE COMING.



THEY WON'T KNOW IF THE OPENING IS JUST WIDE ENOUGH FOR A FLOCK OF BIRDS TO PASS THROUGH.

AND THEN...?

THE HATUT ZERAZE ARE TECH-HEAVY. I CAN GET TO A REMOTE COMMS CENTER, HACK THEIR WEAPONS, TAKE THEM OFFLINE... THEN ALL THEY GOT ARE THEIR DUKES, AND THAT'S A FIGHT WE'RE GOOD FOR WINNING.



I'M NOT SENDING YOU INTO BIRNIN ZANA ALONE.

AND YOU JUST DITCHED THE THRONE, SO I DON'T NEED YOUR PERMISSION, BRO.



LOOK, WE'RE SHORT ON OPTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES. AND UNLESS YOU FIGURE *THE AVENGERS* ARE GOING TO HELP US OUT...

THEY WOULDN'T.

AFTER THE WAY YOU SCREWED WAKANDA? YEAH, THEY'RE PROBABLY GONNA LET YOU FIX WHAT YOU BROKE. SO EITHER WE DO FOR OURSELVES, OR WE DON'T DO AT ALL.



TAKE THIS. IF I GET IN, IF I CAN HACK THE HZ, I'LL SEND YOU A "WHAT'S UP."

WHEN YOU GET THE SIGNAL, IT'S TIME TO MOVE.



SHURI... BE CAREFUL.

THAT IS THE PLAN.





NOTHING.
WHAT KIND OF
IDIOTS LEAVE A
COMMS CENTER
LINGUAR--



AHHH!



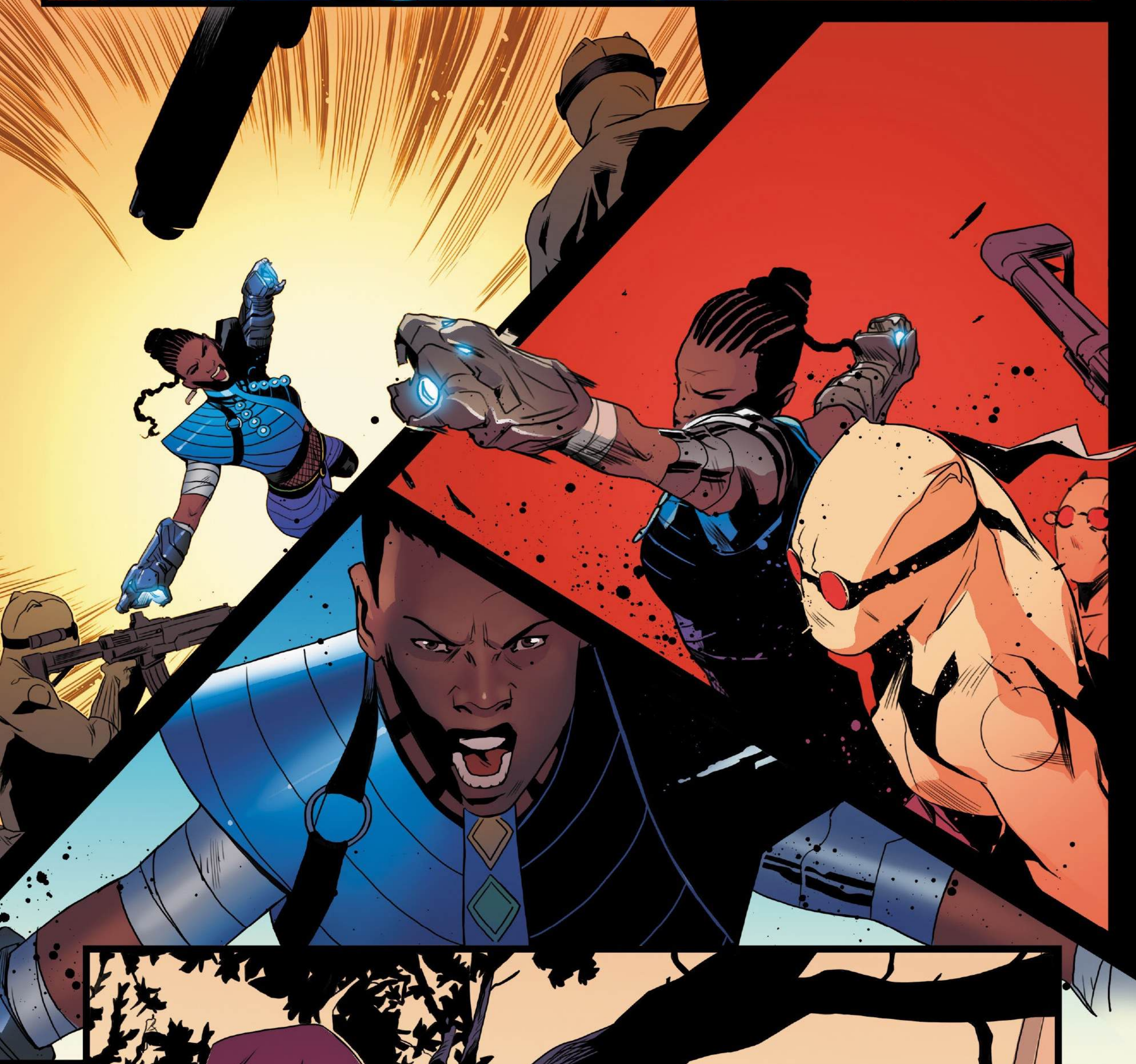
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REALLY THINK
AKILI WOULDN'T
BE READY FOR
YOU?

A LITTLE
SOMETHING TO
KEEP YOU FROM
TRANSFORMING. YOU
WANT TO PLAY THE GAME,
GONNA HAVE TO DO
IT LIKE A REGULAR
PERSON.

...WHAT DID
YOU...?



'KAY.
BUT TO BE
CLEAR...





WHAT--?





THAT SUIT
YOU WERE
WEARING...

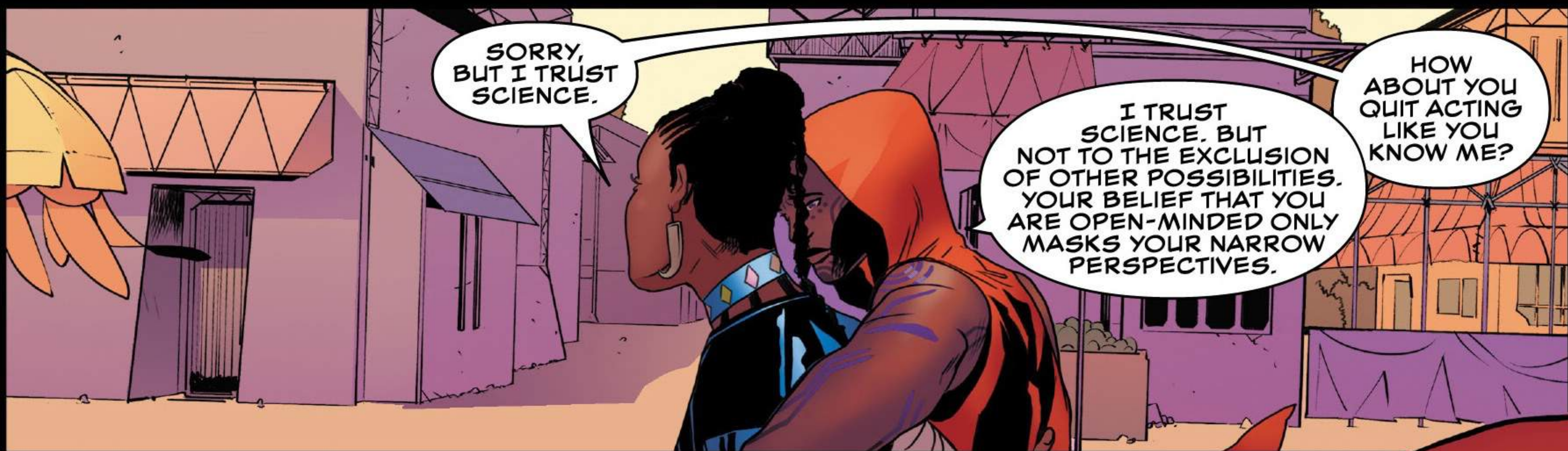
IT'S MY
SKIN.



YOUR
SKIN...? HOW
IS THAT
EVEN...?

I'VE
BEEN TRYING
TO FIND A WAY TO
CREATE A SYNTHETIC
BIOHYBRIDIZED VERSION
OF VIBRANIUM FOR
YEARS.

THE ANSWER TO
EVERY QUESTION IS
NOT ALWAYS FOUND
IN A LABORATORY.



SORRY,
BUT I TRUST
SCIENCE.

I TRUST
SCIENCE. BUT
NOT TO THE EXCLUSION
OF OTHER POSSIBILITIES.
YOUR BELIEF THAT YOU
ARE OPEN-MINDED ONLY
MASKS YOUR NARROW
PERSPECTIVES.

HOW
ABOUT YOU
QUIT ACTING
LIKE YOU
KNOW ME?

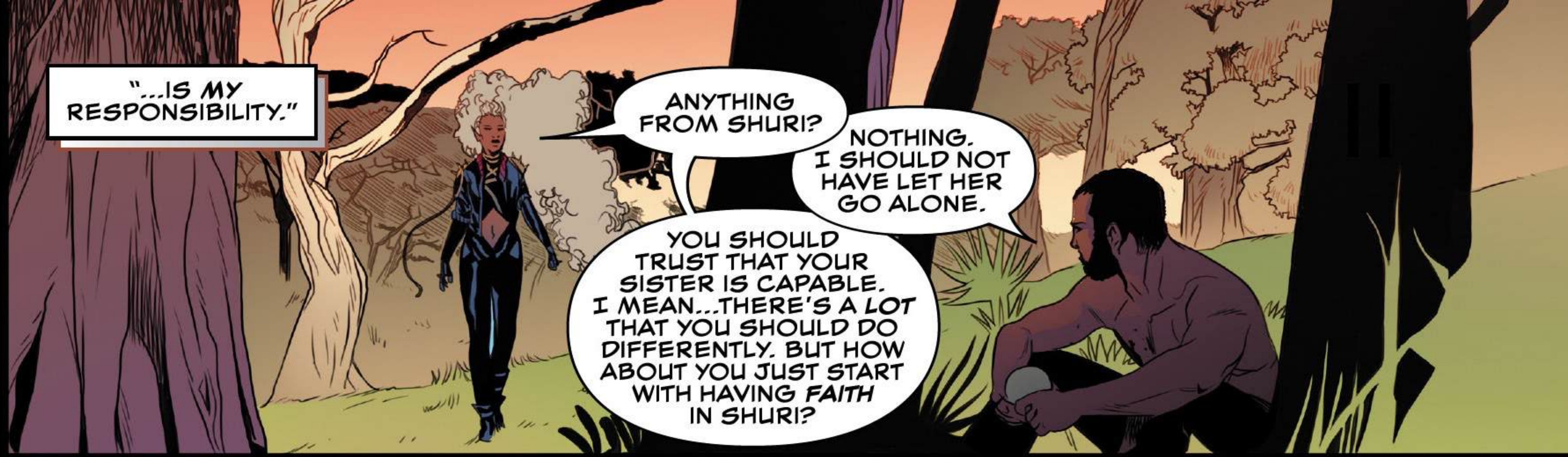


I KNOW
ALL I NEED TO
KNOW ABOUT YOU
AND YOUR BROTHER:
THAT YOU'RE THE
SOURCE OF
OUR CURRENT
CONFLICT.

"OUR"
CONFLICT?
ARE YOU EVEN
WAKANDAN?



I AM MORE
WAKANDAN THAN
YOU WILL EVER BE.
WHATEVER HAPPENS
IN THIS NATION...

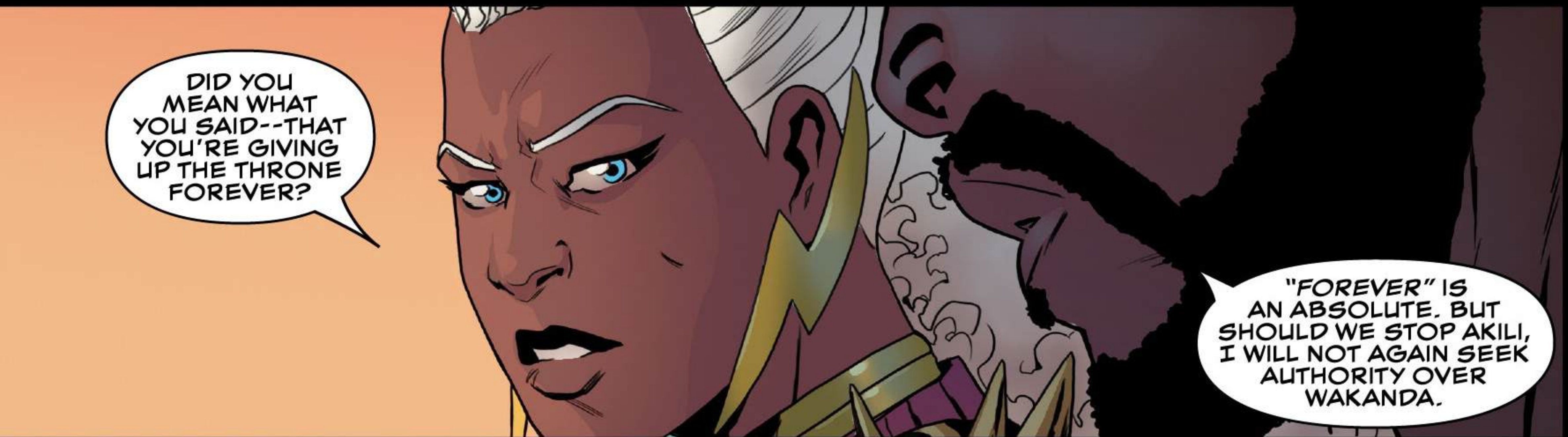


"...IS MY RESPONSIBILITY."

ANYTHING FROM SHURI?

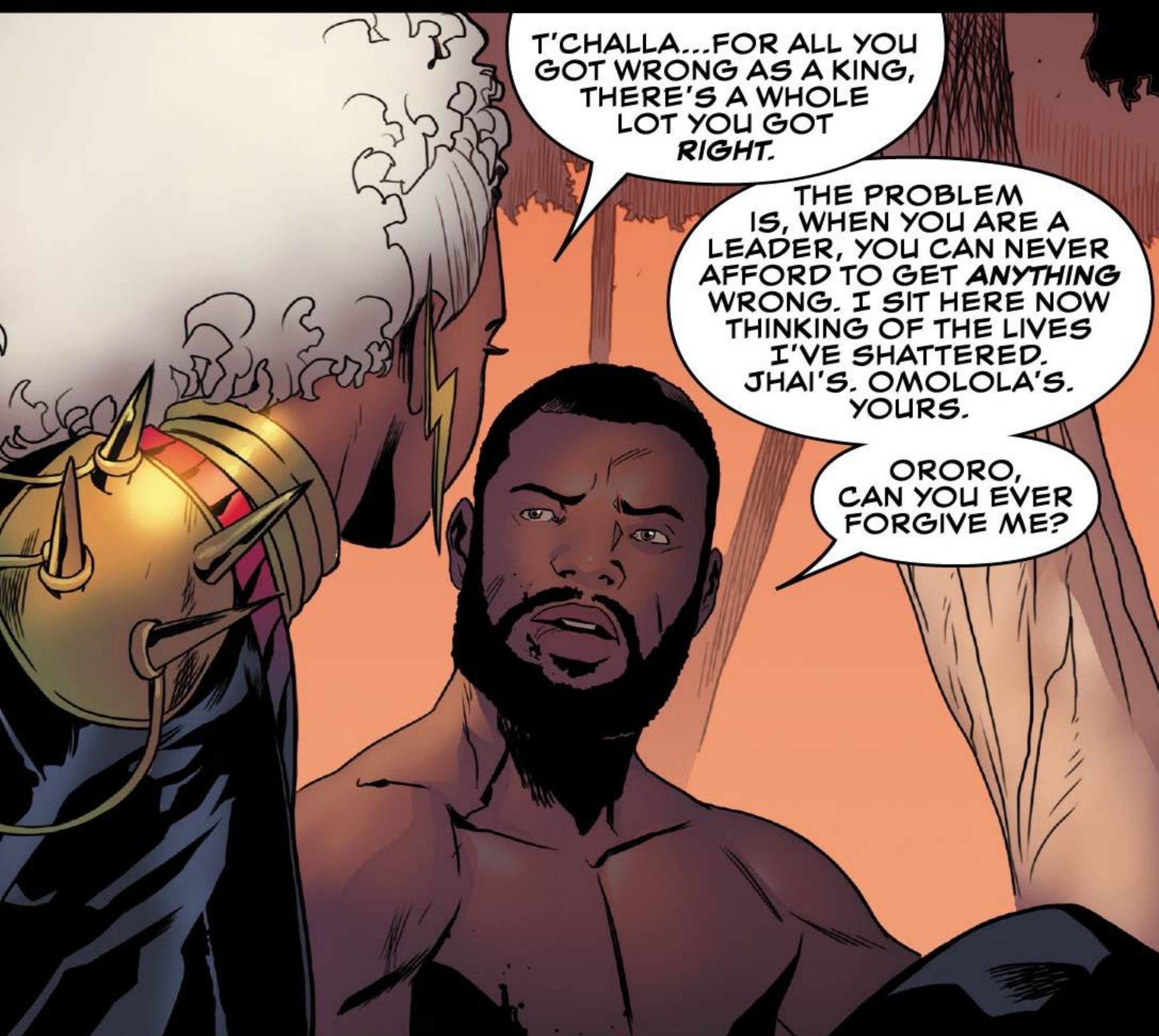
NOTHING. I SHOULD NOT HAVE LET HER GO ALONE.

YOU SHOULD TRUST THAT YOUR SISTER IS CAPABLE. I MEAN...THERE'S A LOT THAT YOU SHOULD DO DIFFERENTLY. BUT HOW ABOUT YOU JUST START WITH HAVING FAITH IN SHURI?



DID YOU MEAN WHAT YOU SAID--THAT YOU'RE GIVING UP THE THRONE FOREVER?

"FOREVER" IS AN ABSOLUTE. BUT SHOULD WE STOP AKILI, I WILL NOT AGAIN SEEK AUTHORITY OVER WAKANDA.



T'CHALLA...FOR ALL YOU GOT WRONG AS A KING, THERE'S A WHOLE LOT YOU GOT RIGHT.

THE PROBLEM IS, WHEN YOU ARE A LEADER, YOU CAN NEVER AFFORD TO GET ANYTHING WRONG. I SIT HERE NOW THINKING OF THE LIVES I'VE SHATTERED. JHAI'S. OMOLOLA'S. YOURS.

ORORO, CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME?



I'LL ALWAYS CARE FOR YOU--GOING FORWARD, AS A FRIEND RATHER THAN A PARTNER. BUT IF YOU'RE ASKING ME TO FORGIVE...

IT'S LIKE YOU SAID: A LEADER'S GOT TO GET IT RIGHT MORE THAN THEY GET IT WRONG. AS THE VOICE OF SOL, I CAN'T GIVE RESPECT WHERE NONE'S GIVEN.

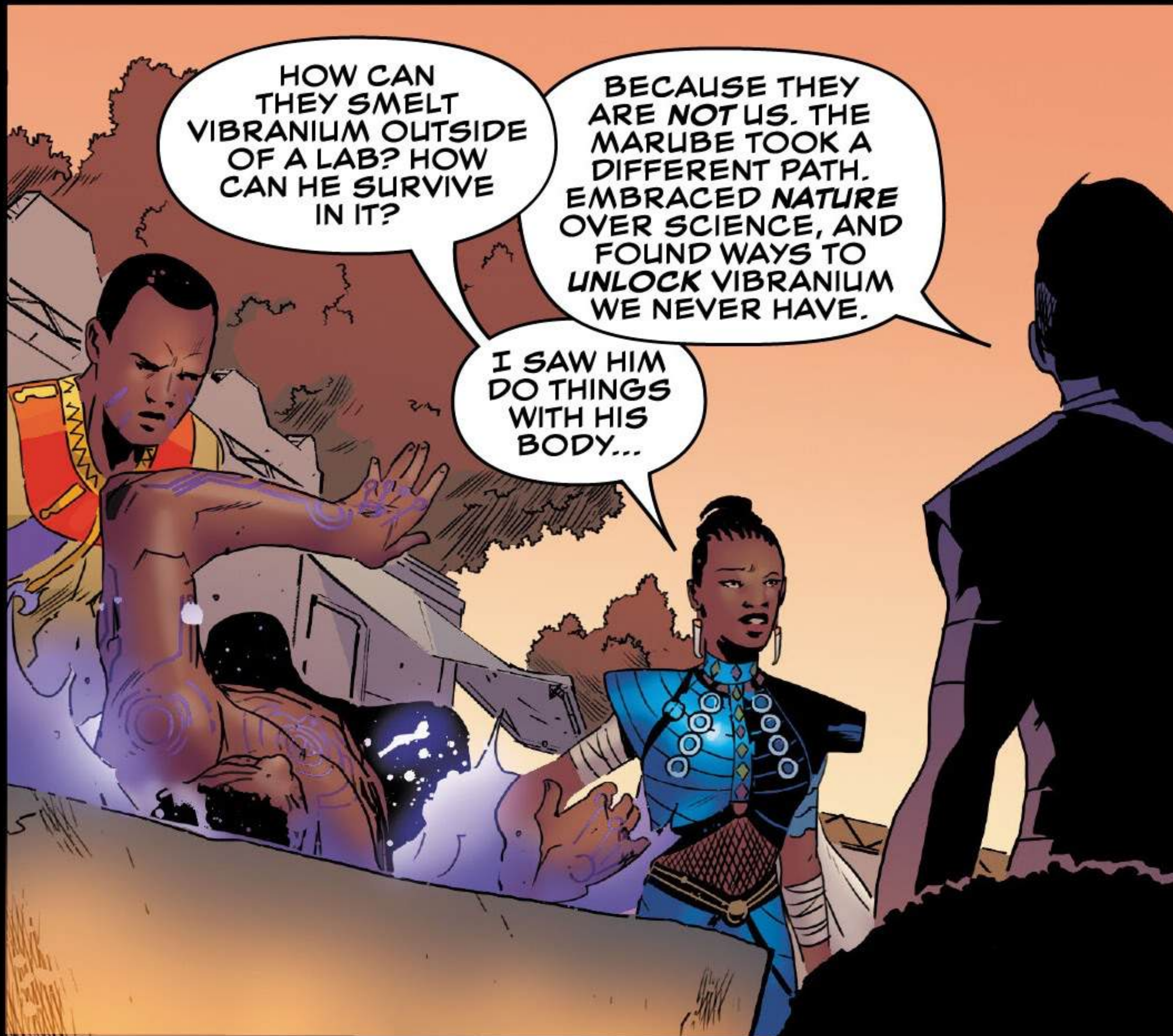


I CAN'T FORGIVE YOU, MY LOVE. AND FOR THAT...



...I AM TRULY SORRY.





HOW CAN THEY SMELT VIBRANIUM OUTSIDE OF A LAB? HOW CAN HE SURVIVE IN IT?

BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT US. THE MARUBE TOOK A DIFFERENT PATH. EMBRACED NATURE OVER SCIENCE, AND FOUND WAYS TO UNLOCK VIBRANIUM WE NEVER HAVE.

I SAW HIM DO THINGS WITH HIS BODY...



SO DID WE. HE RESCUED ME FROM A SQUAD OF HATUT ZERAZE SOLDIERS.

HE SAVED YOU?

HIS NAME IS TOSIN. HE'S A WARRIOR.

WELL, IF A PHAT EGO IS A WEAPON, THAT KID'S A FREAKIN' ASSASSIN.



WE BEGGED FOR HELP, SHURI. FEW ANSWERED. MOST IN BIRNIN ZANA ARE ALREADY UNDER AKILI'S CONTROL AND THOSE OUTSIDE...

WE ALIENATED FAR TOO MANY OF OUR OWN. OUR VERSION OF EXCEPTIONALISM SHOVED THEM ASIDE.

WE ALIENATED MANY, BUT NOT ALL.



THERE ARE SOME WHO ARE WILLING TO FIGHT.

CAN THEY... CAN ALL OF THE MARUBE DO WHAT TOSIN CAN?

NOT ALL. THEIR FLESH IS HUMAN, BUT THEIR HEARTS ARE **STRONG**. THEY'RE UP FOR BATTLE.



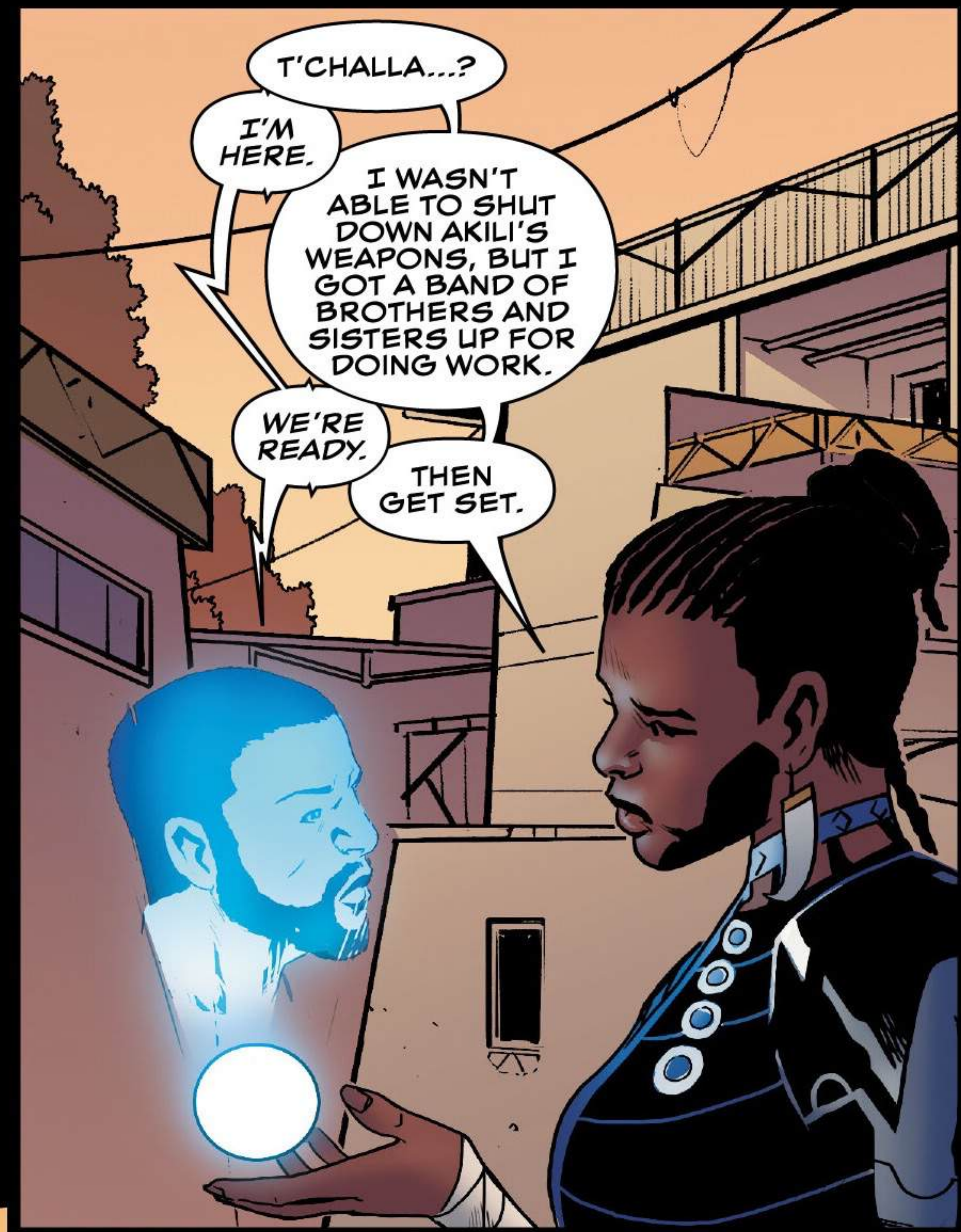
SO IS T'CHALLA.

T'CHALLA'S THE REASON WAKANDA IS AT WAR WITH ITSELF.

WHATEVER'S TO COME, WE WILL NEVER AGAIN LIVE UNDER HIS SHADOW.



HE DOESN'T WANT YOU TO. T'CHALLA'S BROKEN IN A WAY I'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE. AND I DON'T KNOW IF HE'LL EVER RECOVER.







GLAD
OKOYE THOUGHT
TO BRING YOU YOUR
SUIT, GOVERNMENT
EDICT BE
DAMNED.

T'CHALLA...
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING?

THINKING.

ABOUT...?

ABOUT
HOW WE
GOT HERE,
ORORO.



IN AN
EXISTENTIAL
WAY?

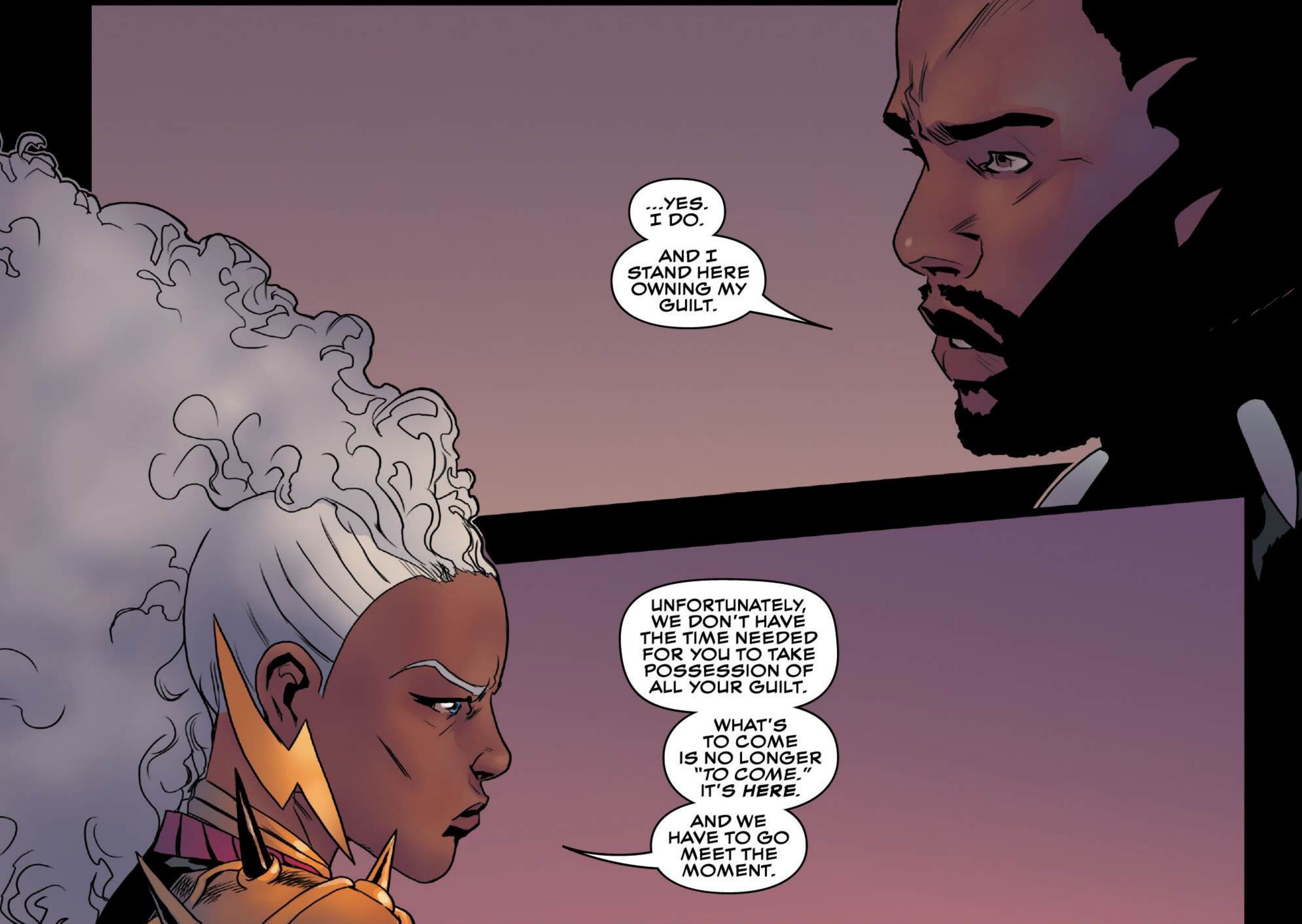


...NO...



IN A PRACTICAL WAY. HOW DID WE GET TO THE EDGE OF WAR AGAINST AKILI AND THE HATUT ZERAZE?

I'M PRETTY SURE YOU KNOW THE ANSWER.



...YES. I DO.

AND I STAND HERE OWNING MY GUILT.

UNFORTUNATELY, WE DON'T HAVE THE TIME NEEDED FOR YOU TO TAKE POSSESSION OF ALL YOUR GUILT.

WHAT'S TO COME IS NO LONGER "TO COME." IT'S HERE.

AND WE HAVE TO GO MEET THE MOMENT.



...YEAH...



SHURI, WE'RE
IN POSITION JUST
BEYOND BIRNIN ZANA'S
SHIELD. IS YOUR
TEAM *INSIDE* THE
SHIELD READY?

READY.

AND AGAIN,
YOUR TEAM
IS...?



WELL,
THERE'S ME,
FOLASADE AND IMANI,
A BLUNCH OF CIVILIANS
WHO HAVE NEVER FOUGHT
BEFORE, AND A KID WHO
CAN TURN HIS FLESH INTO A
FORM OF BIOHYBRIDIZED
VIBRANIUM AND HATES
EVERYTHING YOU
STAND FOR.

AND, UH, YOU
ARE CONFIDENT
IN THEIR
ABILITIES?

WELL...
BEGGARS AND
CHOOSERS.



THEN
LET'S PROCEED.
I WISH YOU
LUCK.

BACK
ATCHA. SHIELD
OPENING...



...NOW!

"T'CHALLA'S TEAM
GETS FIVE MINUTES."

LET 'EM DO
AS MUCH DAMAGE
AS THEY CAN. MAKE
THE HATUT ZERAZE
BELIEVE HE'S HITTING
'EM FULL FORCE. AND
WHEN AKILI THINKS
T'CHALLA'S ALL
IN...

...THEN WE
GO AT AKILI
ON HIS WEAK
SIDE.

TO BE CLEAR:
WE FIGHT TO
LIBERATE ALL OF
WAKANDA, NOT
TO RESTORE
T'CHALLA TO
HIS THRONE.

THAT'S
T'CHALLA'S WISH,
FOLASADE.

NOBODY
CARES ABOUT
T'CHALLA'S "WISHES."
THE AGE OF THE
OPPRESSOR IS
OVER.

UH, THAT
IS MY BROTHER
YOU'RE TALKING
ABOUT...

IF THE
JACKBOOT
FITS...

YOU KNOW,
TOSIN, YOUR
ATTITUDE COULD USE
SOME ADJUSTING,
AND I'M HAPPY TO
BE THE ONE TO
ADJUST IT.

SHURI...
IT'S BEEN FIVE
MINUTES.

GOT IT, IMANI.
AND TOSIN, YOU
AND I ARE GOING
TO *FINISH* THIS
CONVERSATION.
BUT RIGHT
NOW...

...LET'S
GO TO
WORK.



DORA MILAJE...

...ATTACK!

BRATTA

BRATTA

WAKANDA FOREVER!

BA-DOON

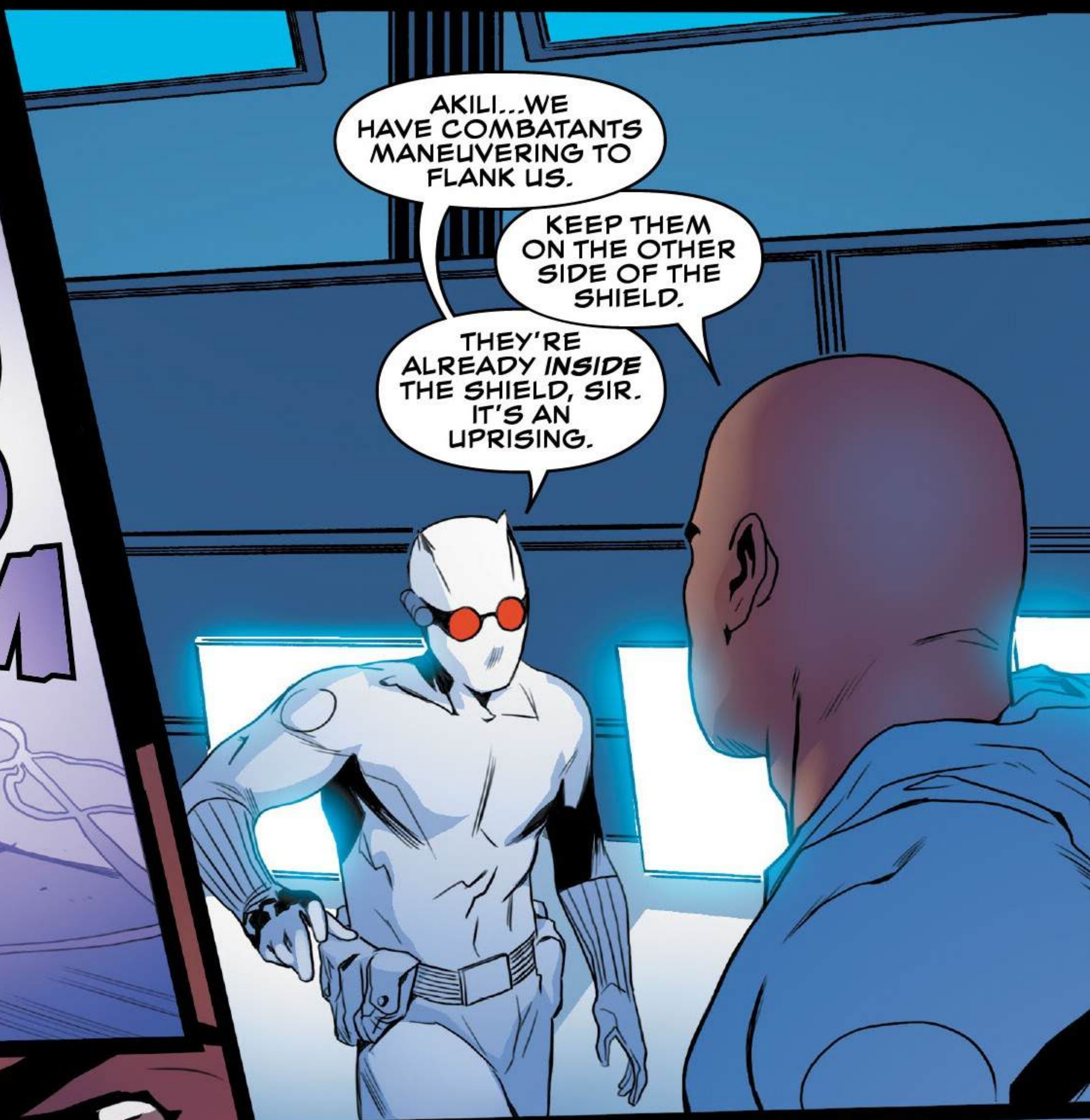
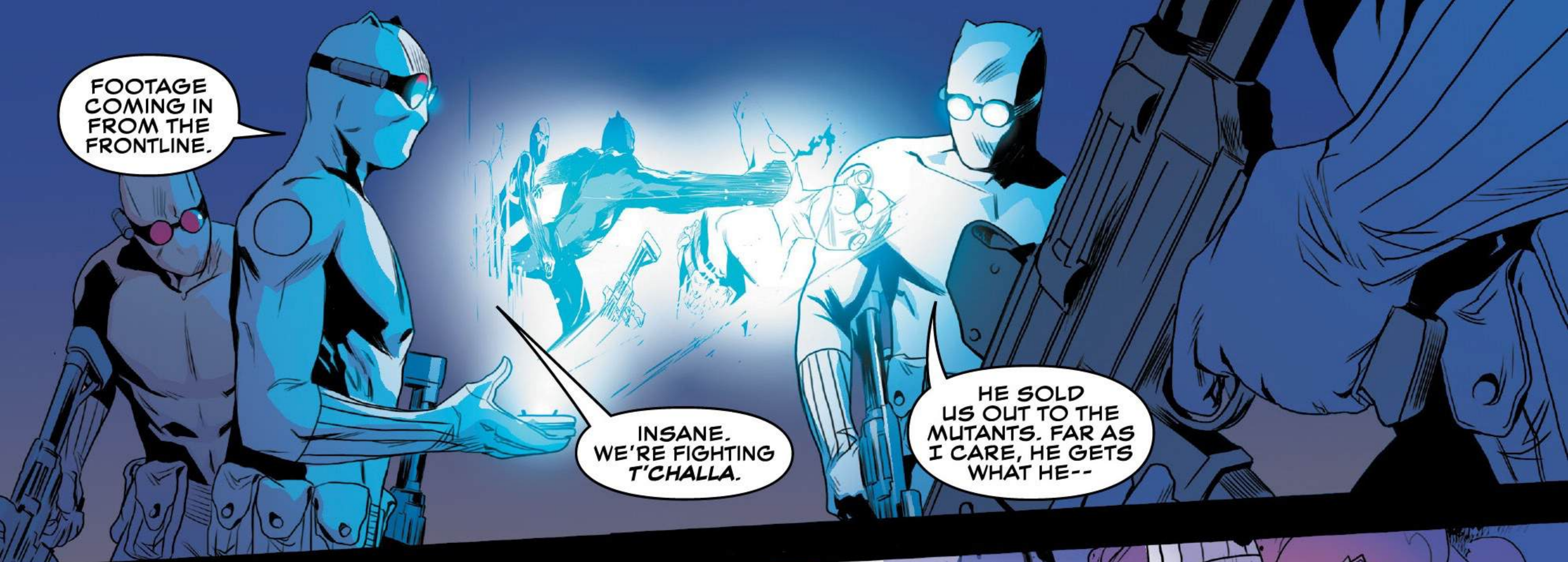
THAP

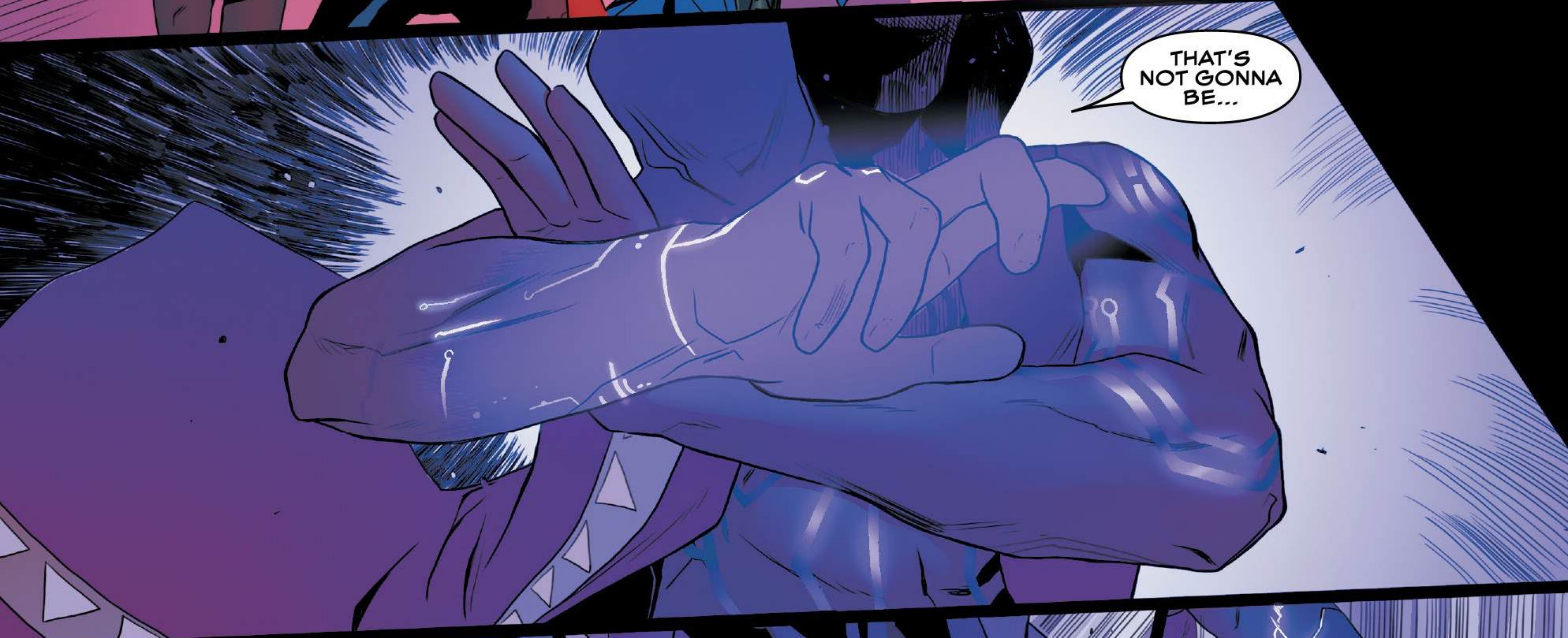


DAMN.
YOU REALLY
MESSED UP
WITH HER.

SERIOUSLY,
OMOLOLA? NOW?
YOU WANT TO TELL
ME I WAS A LOUSY
HUSBAND NOW?

NO BAD
TIME TO LET
A GUY KNOW
HE WAS AN
ASS.







KID'S GOOD.

NO, HE'S REALLY GOO--

HE'S OKAY.

HE'S OKAY.



...AND HER PEOPLE NEED TO FIGHT FOR WAKANDA!



HANG BACK. I'VE GOT THE REST OF THEM.

SHURI, YOU CAN'T KEEP TAKING THE LEAD.

WAKANDA IS HER PEOPLE...



KRAKK



LNH!



KRAKK

NOW SHE IS AMAZING.

SHE'S AWESOME.

FOLASADE IS SO E\$#% AWESOME.





**WAKANDA
FOREVER!**

PEOPLE...! IF
WE LIVE, IF WE DIE...
WE DO IT FOR OUR
WAKANDA. A FREE
WAKANDA.

T'CHALLA...

I'M
HERE.

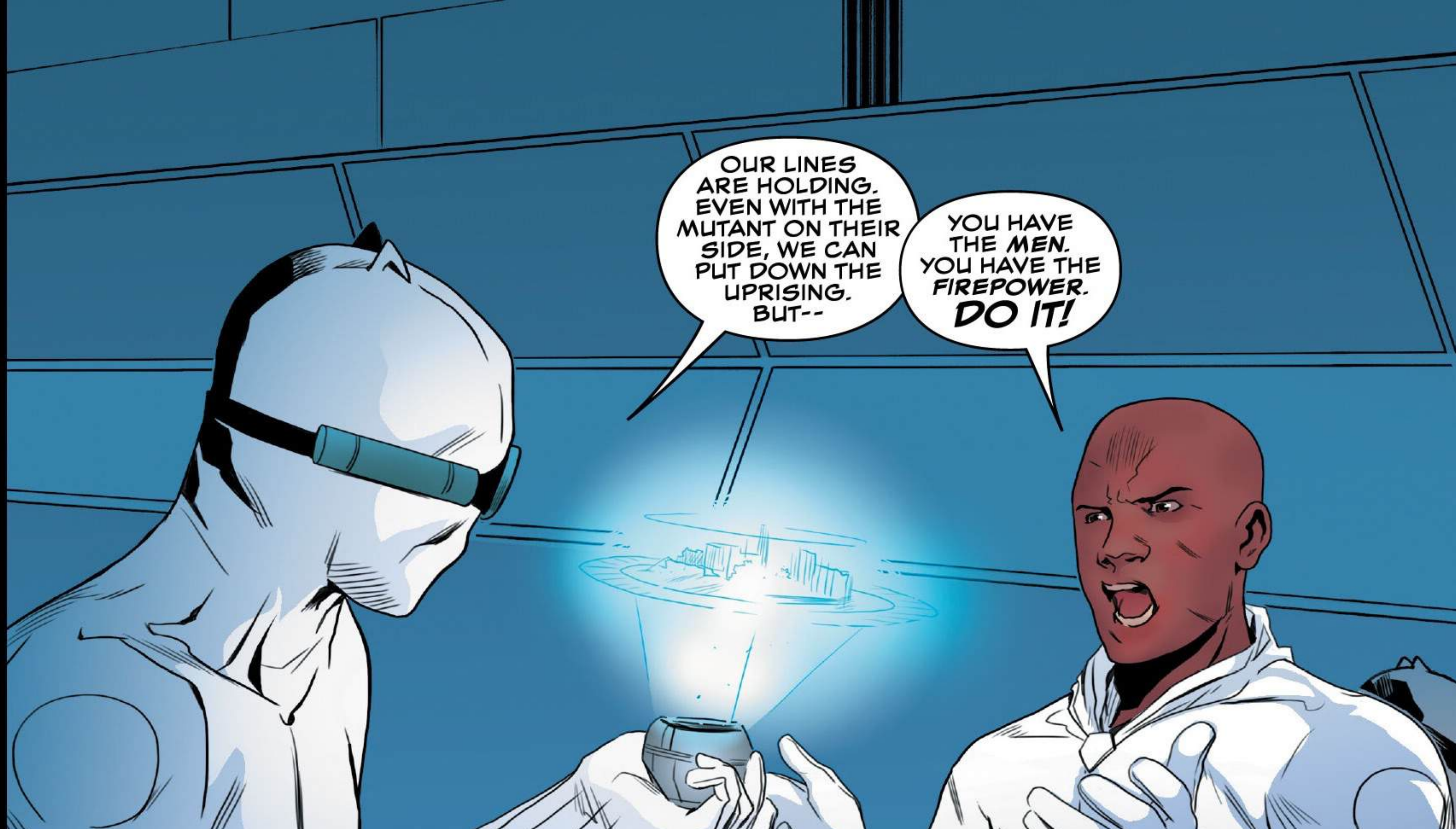
THE
HATUT ZERAZE
ARE FALLING
BACK.

BUT THE
CLOSER WE GET
TO BIRNIN ZANA,
THE BLOODIER THE
FIGHT IS GOING
TO BE.

THERE'S
ANOTHER WAY.
AKILI HAS THE SAME
WEAKNESS I
HAVE.

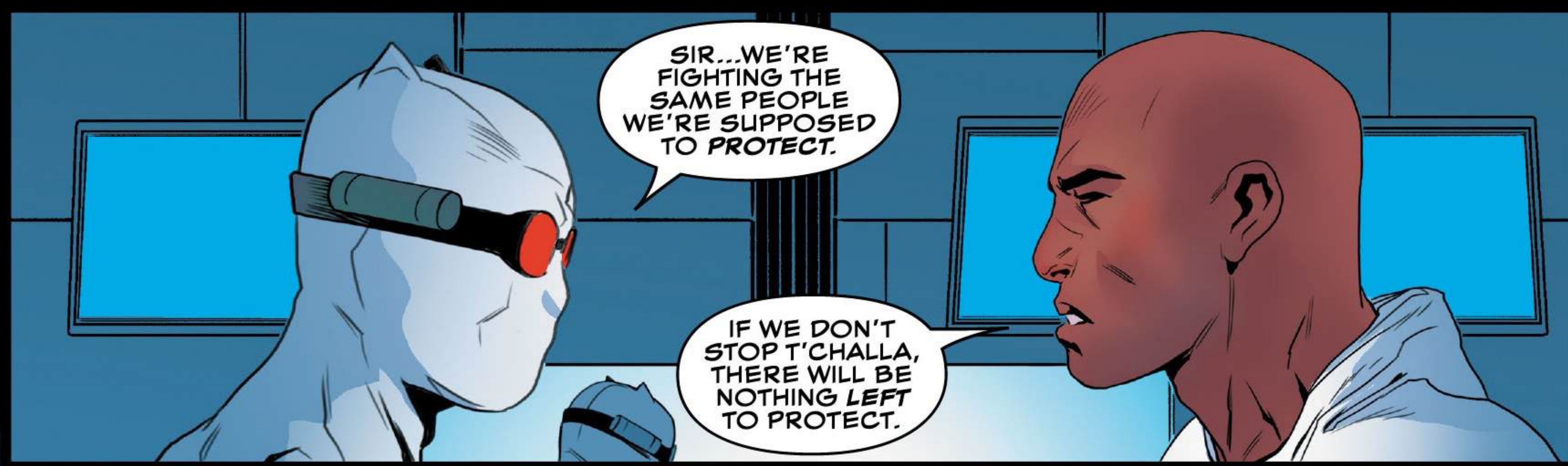
AND THAT
IS...?

EGO. I
NEED YOU TO
HACK A LINE
FOR ME.



OUR LINES ARE HOLDING. EVEN WITH THE MUTANT ON THEIR SIDE, WE CAN PUT DOWN THE UPRISING. BUT--

YOU HAVE THE MEN. YOU HAVE THE FIREPOWER. **DO IT!**



SIR...WE'RE FIGHTING THE SAME PEOPLE WE'RE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT.

IF WE DON'T STOP T'CHALLA, THERE WILL BE NOTHING LEFT TO PROTECT.



AKILI... I KNOW YOU CAN HEAR ME.

ARE YOU IN A BUNKER, HIDING, SURROUNDED BY YOUR MEN? DO YOU NEED ALL OF THEM TO KEEP YOU SAFE?



IS THAT WHAT A WARRIOR DOES? CONCEAL HIMSELF BEHIND OTHERS?

OR ARE YOU NOT A WARRIOR? BECAUSE ONLY A WARRIOR DESERVES TO LEAD THIS NATION.

HE'S BAITING YOU, SIR.

SHUT UP.



QUIT HIDING. IF YOU WANT WAKANDA...









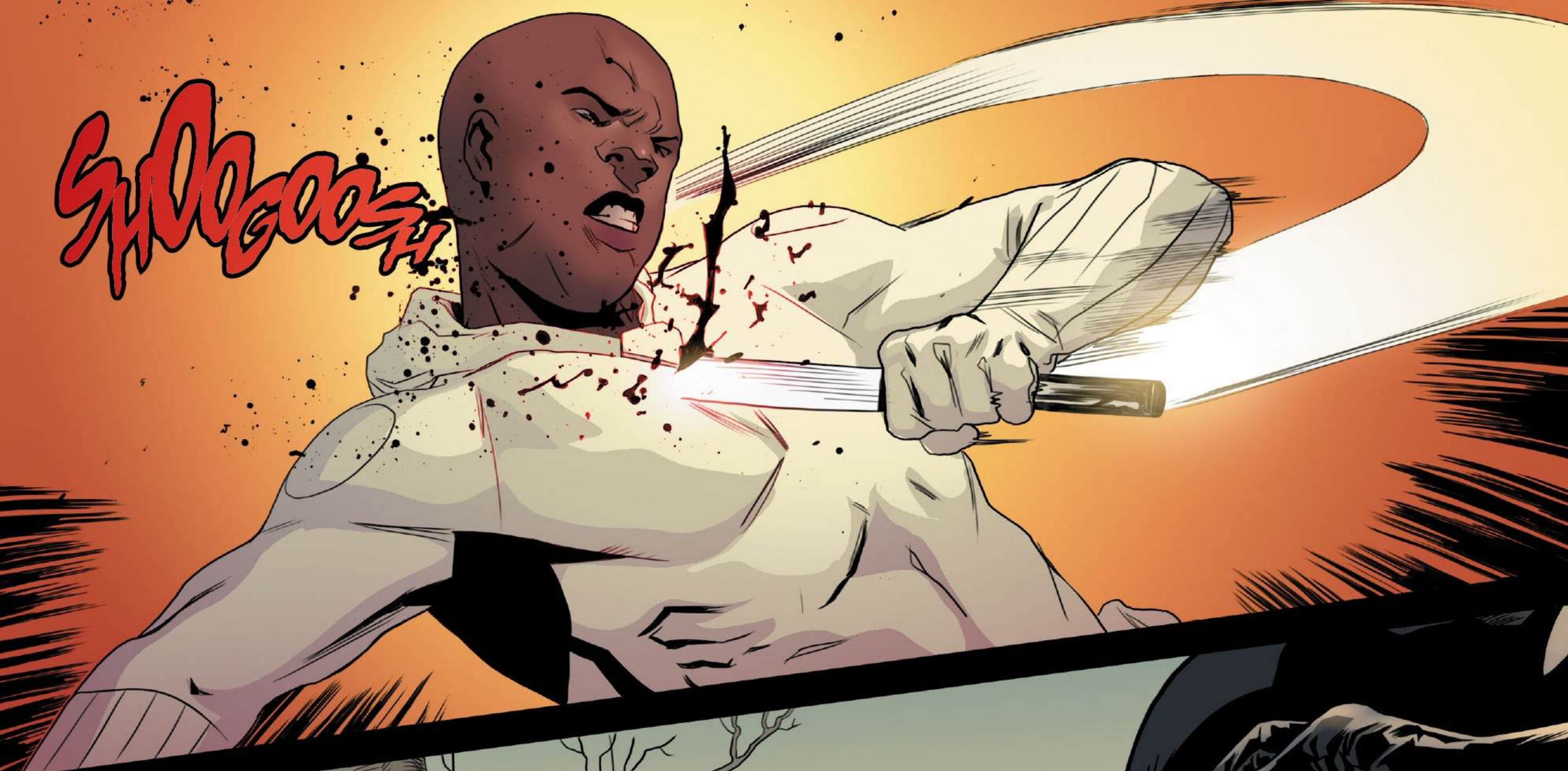


YOU *SHOULD*
DIE FOR BEING
A TRAITOR. YOU
WILL DIE FOR
MURDERING
JHAI.

A TRAITOR?



I WILL
SHOW YOU
WHO IS A TRUE
WARRIOR!



...AKILI...





NOW WHAT?

NOW?

THE HATUT ZERAZE WILL BE DISBANDED. NO MORE SECRET POLICE. NO MORE ROYAL ARMIES.

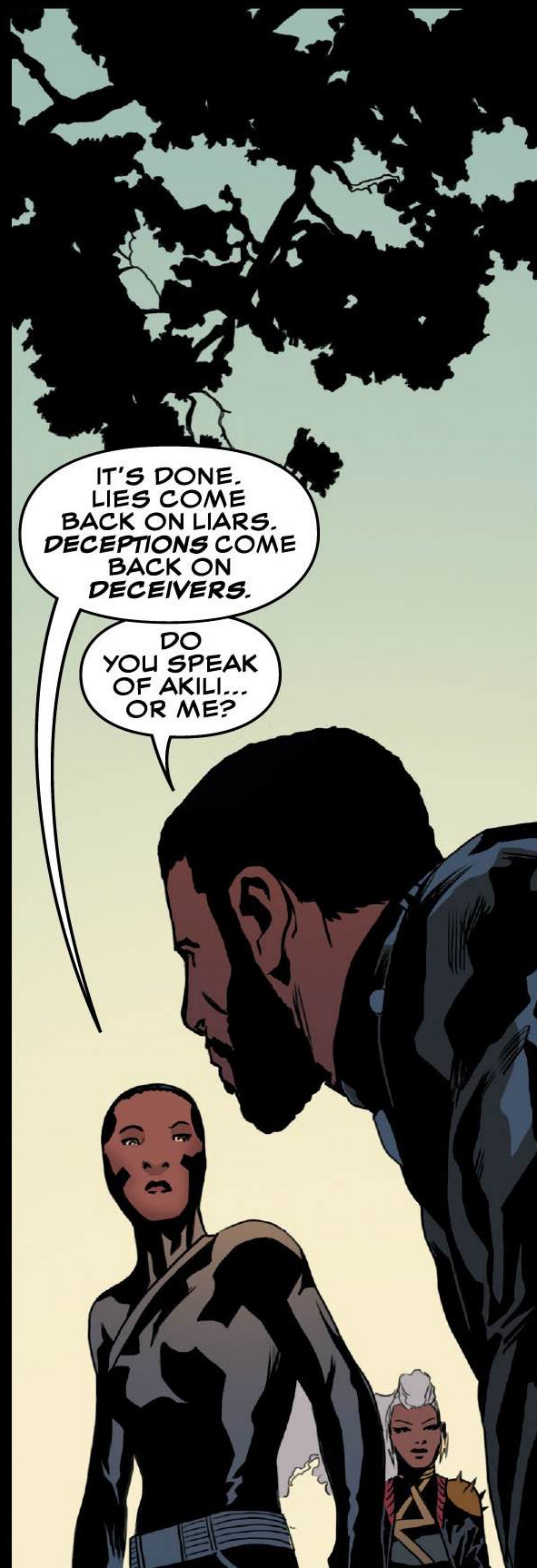
WE WILL BE PROTECTED BY CITIZEN SOLDIERS.



MADAM PRIME MINISTER... BUILDING A CITIZEN ARMY... THAT'LL TAKE TIME.

WE HAVE TIME. THIS MOMENT, ALL OF US... WE WON'T LAST.

BUT WAKANDA IS FOREVER.

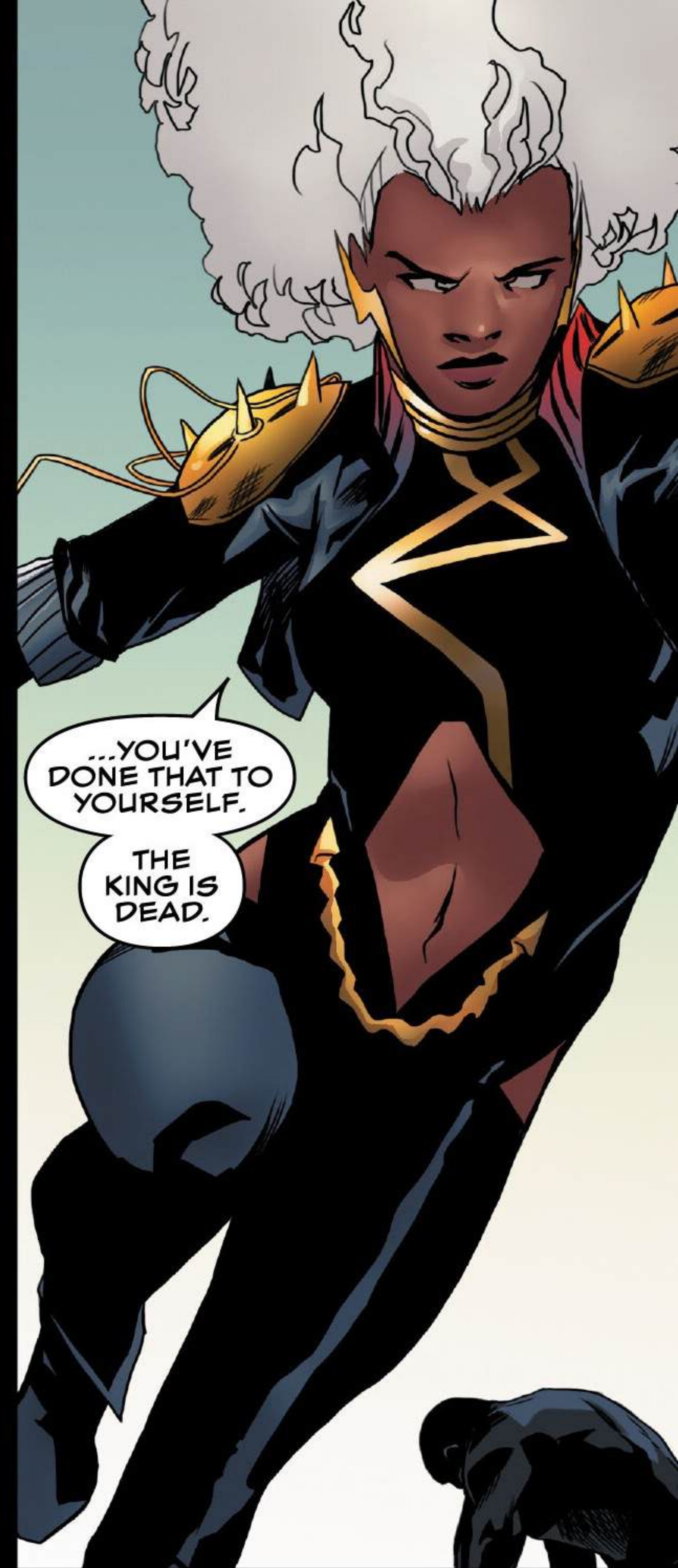


IT'S DONE. LIES COME BACK ON LIARS. DECEPTIONS COME BACK ON DECEIVERS.

DO YOU SPEAK OF AKILI... OR ME?



GOODBYE, T'CHALLA. I DON'T THINK WE'LL BE SEEING EACH OTHER AGAIN.





#6 Skrull Variant ||||| **KHARY RANDOLPH & EMILIO LOPEZ**



#6 Variant ||||| **MARTIN COCCOLO & MATTHEW WILSON**



#7 Stormbreakers Variant ||||| **R.B. SILVA & DAVID CURIEL**

ENTER
the Colonialist!





YOU KNOW,
THE THING IS...
LIFE IS REALLY
PRETTY AWFUL.
THERE'S JUST,
ULTIMATELY,
LITTLE TO IT.



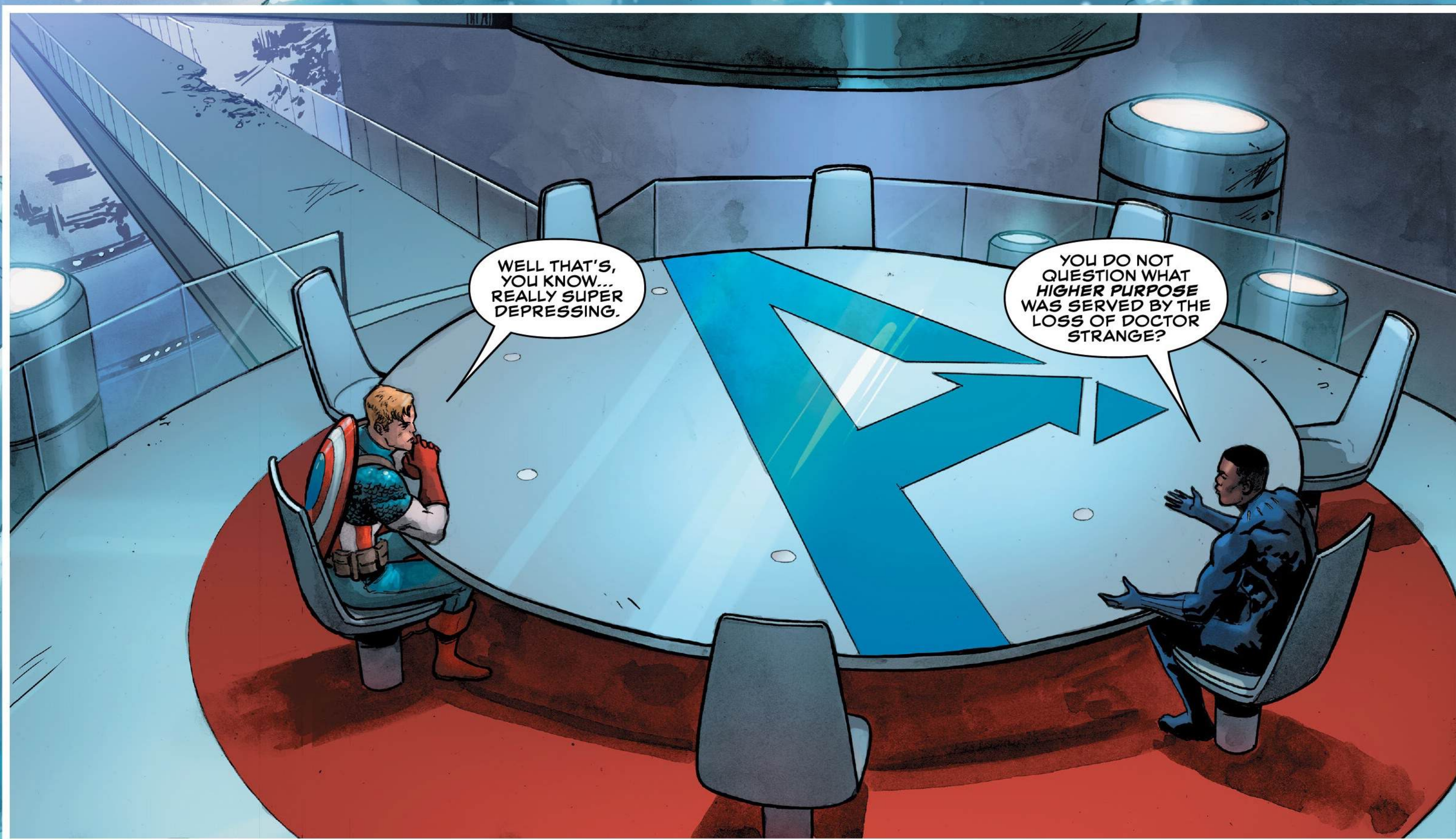
ONE TRIES
TO SEARCH
FOR *MEANING*...
A REASON TO
EXIST...

...BUT WE DO
SO LITTLE WITH
ALL THAT WE HAVE.
AND WHAT WE *DO*...IN
THE END--ONE WAY
OR ANOTHER--
HUMANITY WILL
FADE.



SO TO WHAT
DO OUR WORKS
AMOUNT WHEN THEY
WILL INEVITABLY BE
OVERTAKEN BY
NOTHINGNESS?

AVENGERS MOUNTAIN,
THE NORTH POLE.





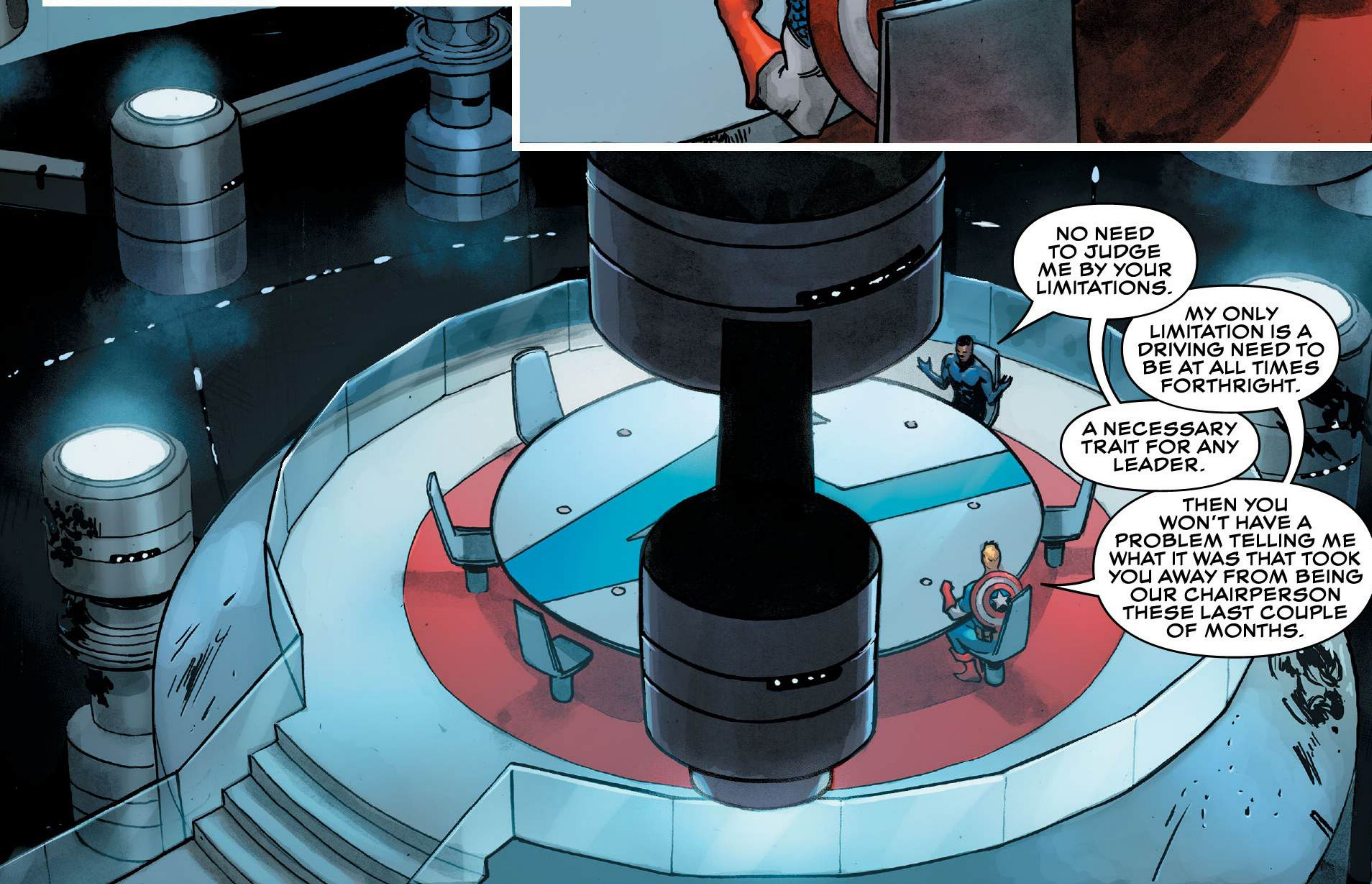
I DIDN'T MEAN TO. ONLY THAT, AS YOU'VE RETURNED TO YOUR CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE AVENGERS, WE NEED SOMEONE READY TO LEAD DESPITE SUCH LOSSES.

AND AFTER LISTENING TO YOUR DIVE INTO NIHILISM, I'M JUST WONDERING IF YOU'RE UP TO IT.



YOU DOUBT ME. AND MAY I SAY, THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME I'VE SENSED THAT FROM YOU.

YOU HAVE MY FAITH. I HOPE YOU KNOW THAT, T'CHALLA. BUT ALL OF US HAVE THE CAPACITY TO ALLOW EMOTIONS TO CLOUD OUR FOCUS.

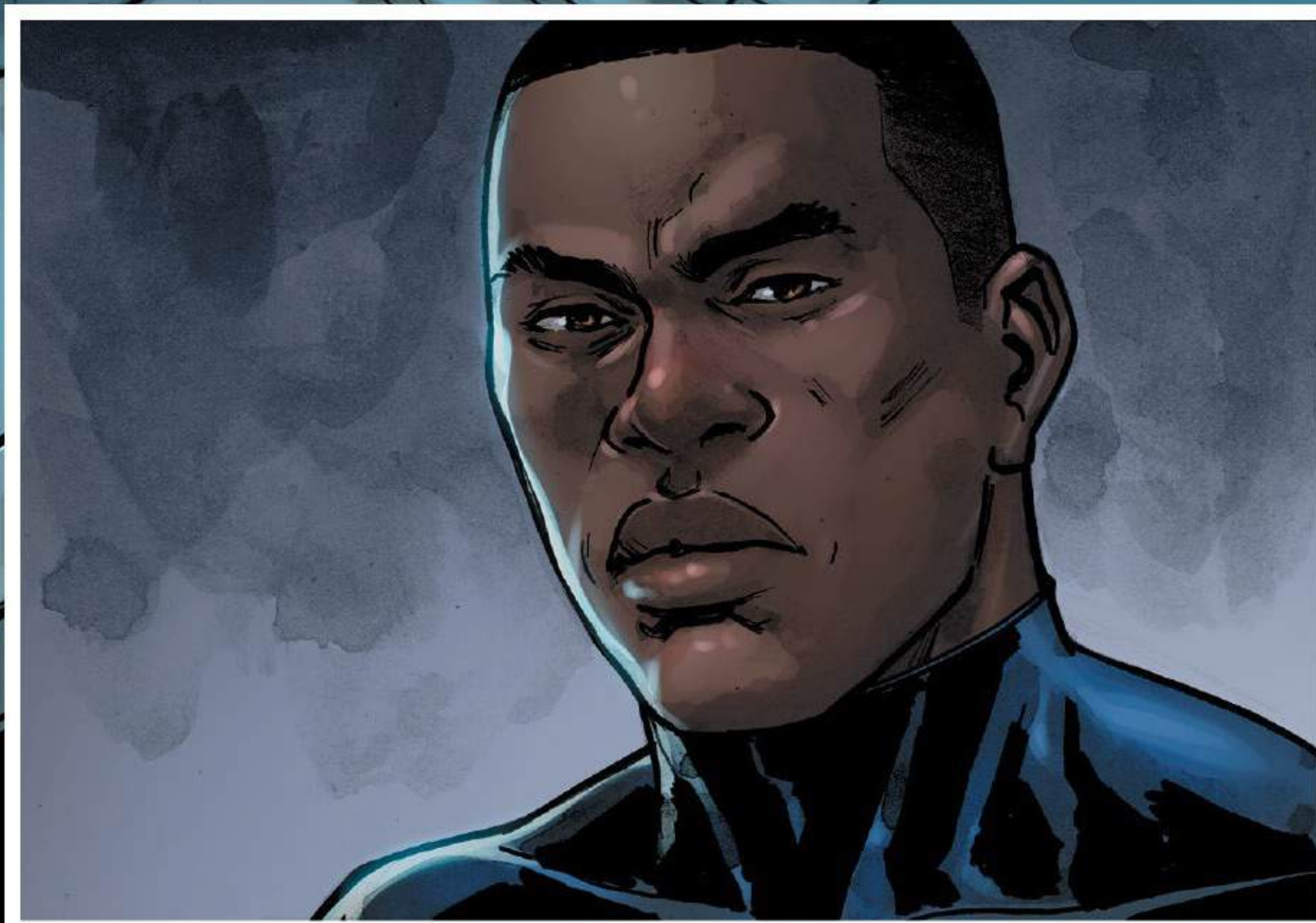


NO NEED TO JUDGE ME BY YOUR LIMITATIONS.

MY ONLY LIMITATION IS A DRIVING NEED TO BE AT ALL TIMES FORTHRIGHT.

A NECESSARY TRAIT FOR ANY LEADER.

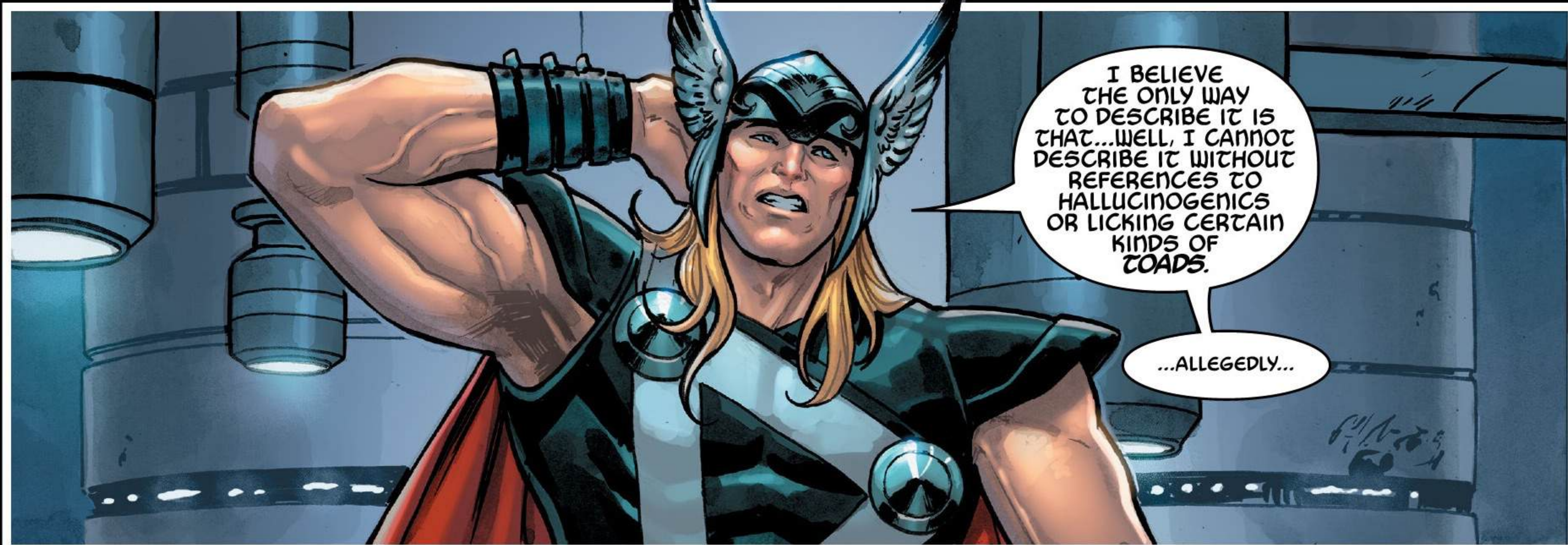
THEN YOU WON'T HAVE A PROBLEM TELLING ME WHAT IT WAS THAT TOOK YOU AWAY FROM BEING OUR CHAIRPERSON THESE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS.

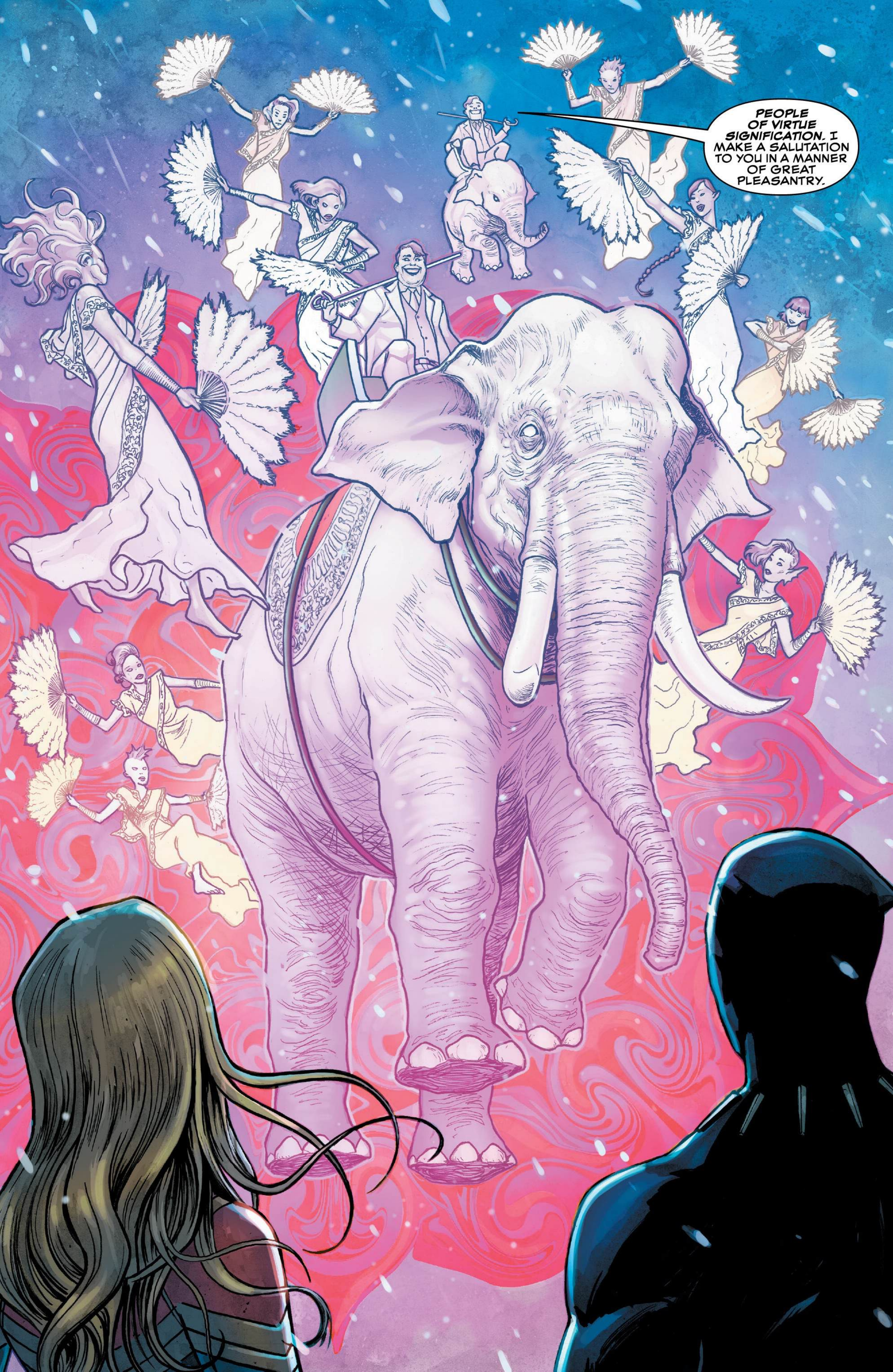


WELL, THAT CLEAR, CONCISE ANSWER CERTAINLY PROVES YOU'RE READY TO LEAD.

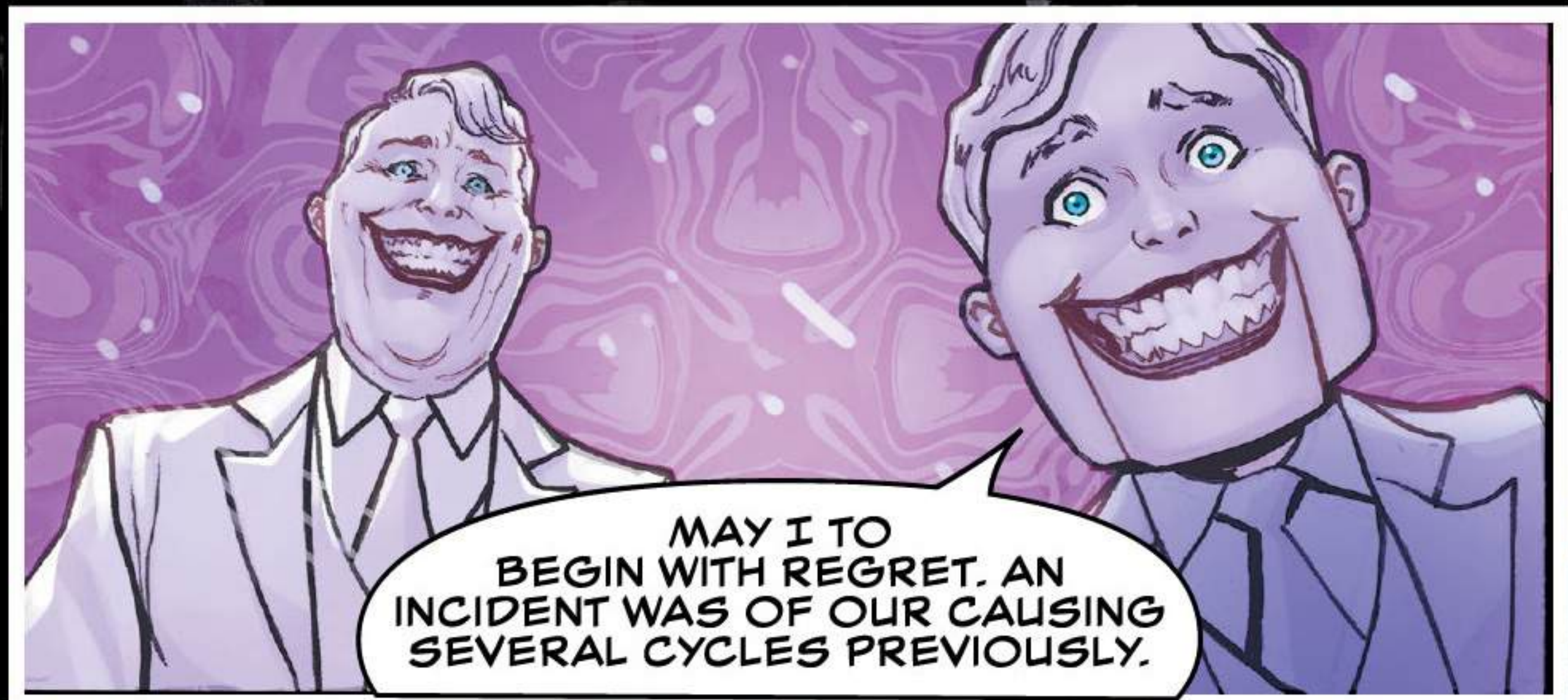
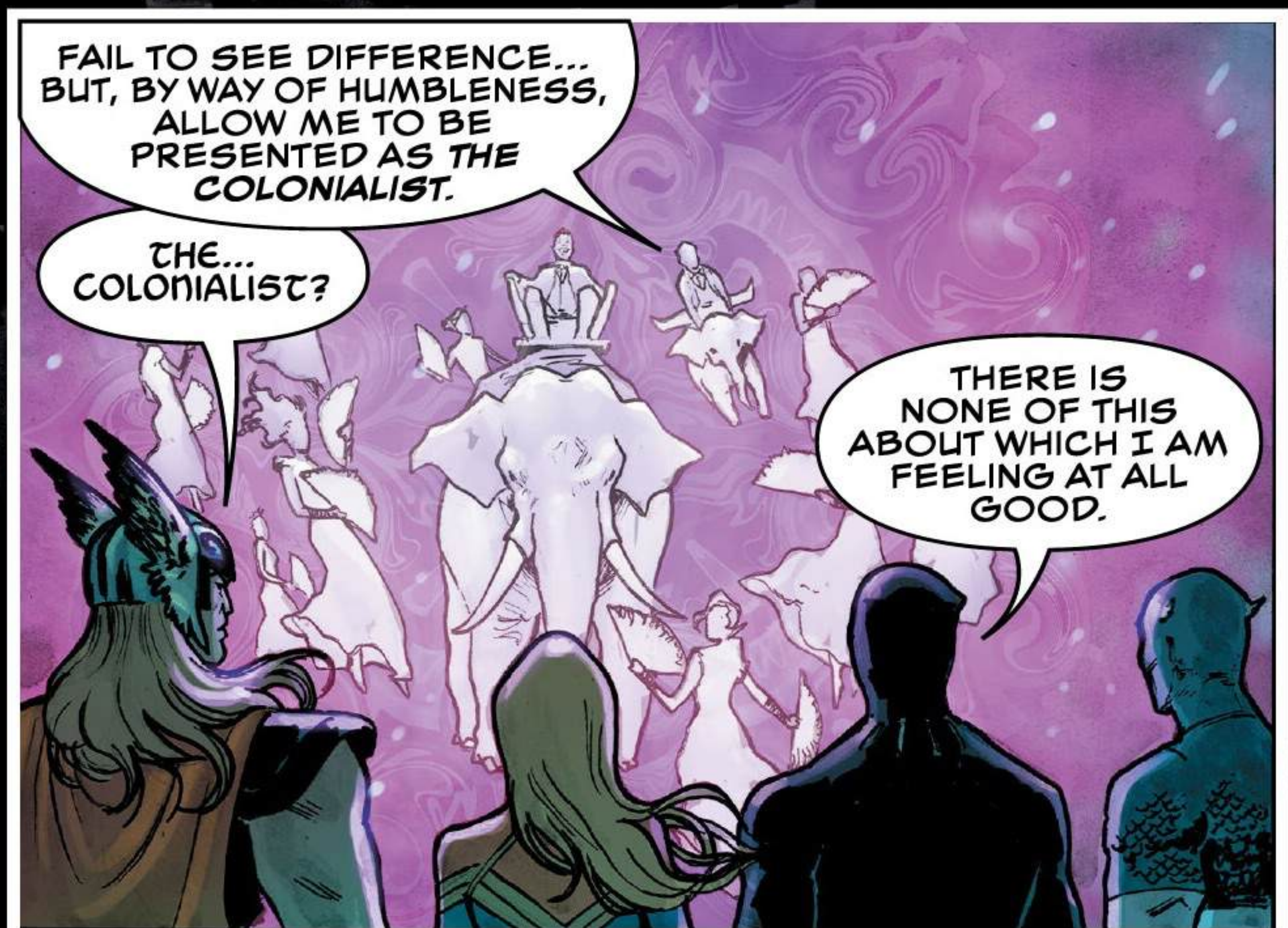
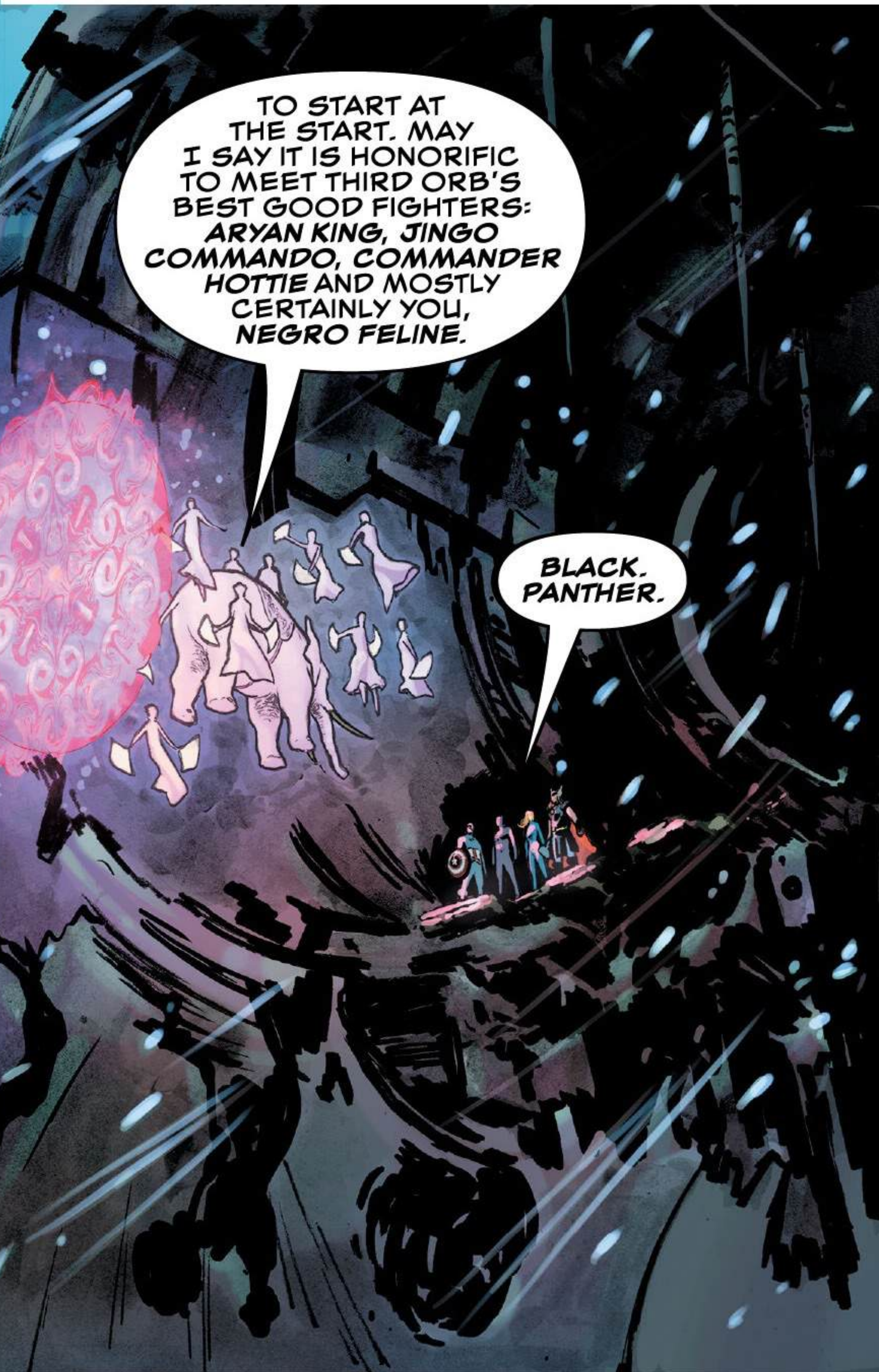


I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERNS, STEVEN, BUT THERE IS NOTHING WE COULD FACE FOR WHICH I AM UNPREPARED.





PEOPLE
OF VIRTUE
SIGNIFICATION. I
MAKE A SALUTATION
TO YOU IN A MANNER
OF GREAT
PLEASANTRY.





THOSE THINGS WERE YOURS?

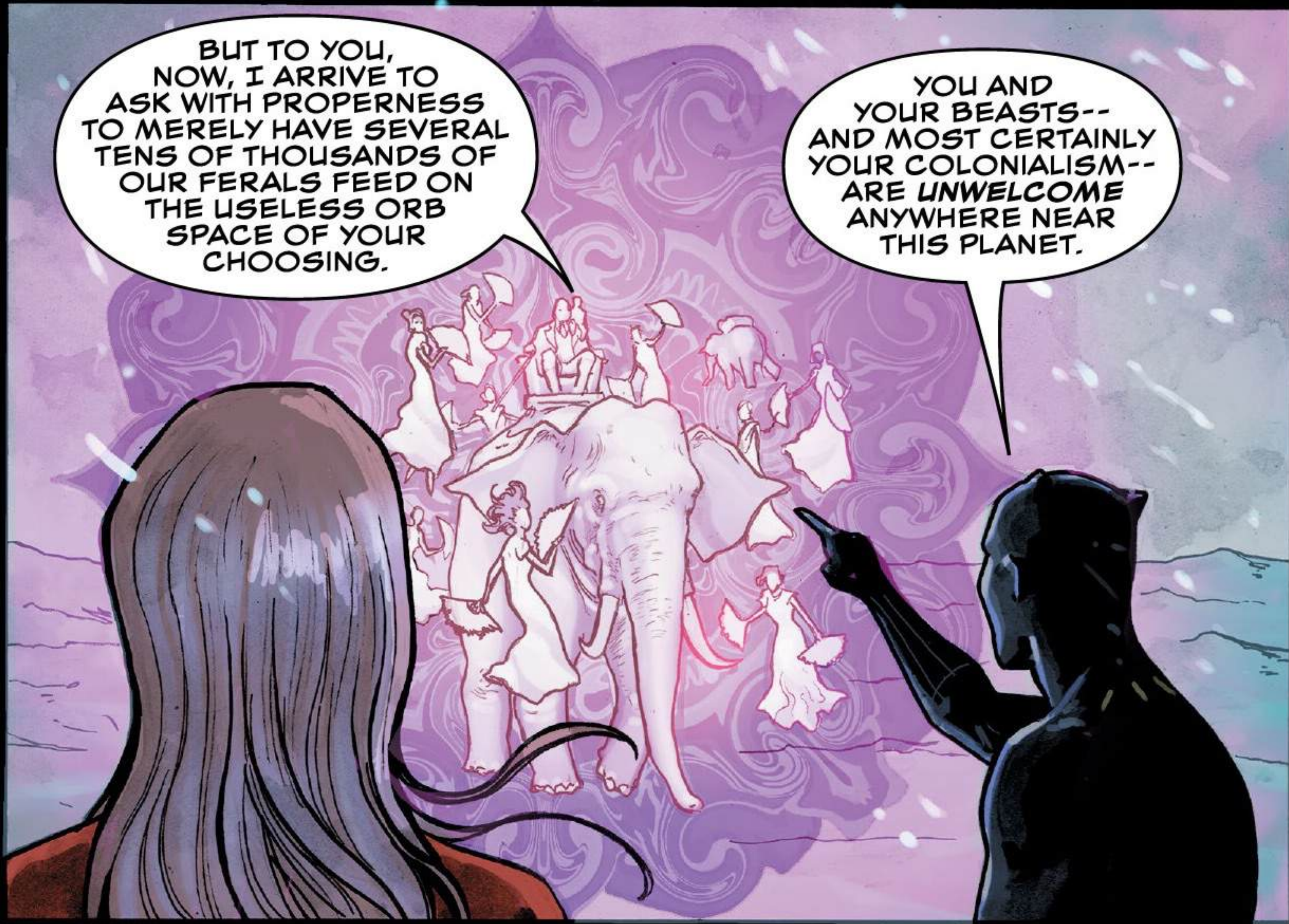
THEY ARE TO US IN A MANNER OF YOUR CATTLE.

WHAT PURPOSE DO YOUR BEASTS SERVE?



MANY! THEY CAN BOTH KILL AND DESTROY. A BREED MANY TIMES POPULAR WITH CONQUERORS OF ALL KINDS.

YOUR ORB IS OF SUCH BIGNESS, I--OF MUCH FOOLISHNESS-- BELIEVED PERMISSION NOT NEEDED FOR THEM TO GRAZE.



BUT TO YOU, NOW, I ARRIVE TO ASK WITH PROPERNESS TO MERELY HAVE SEVERAL TENS OF THOUSANDS OF OUR FERALS FEED ON THE USELESS ORB SPACE OF YOUR CHOOSING.

YOU AND YOUR BEASTS-- AND MOST CERTAINLY YOUR COLONIALISM-- ARE UNWELCOME ANYWHERE NEAR THIS PLANET.



APOLOGIES OF THE MOST KIND! WE PROCESS YOUR RESPONSE AND ASK TO FORGIVE OUR INTRUSIVENESS.

HAVING MET YOU WAS A POSITIVE, AND OUR WELLNESS IS WISHED.

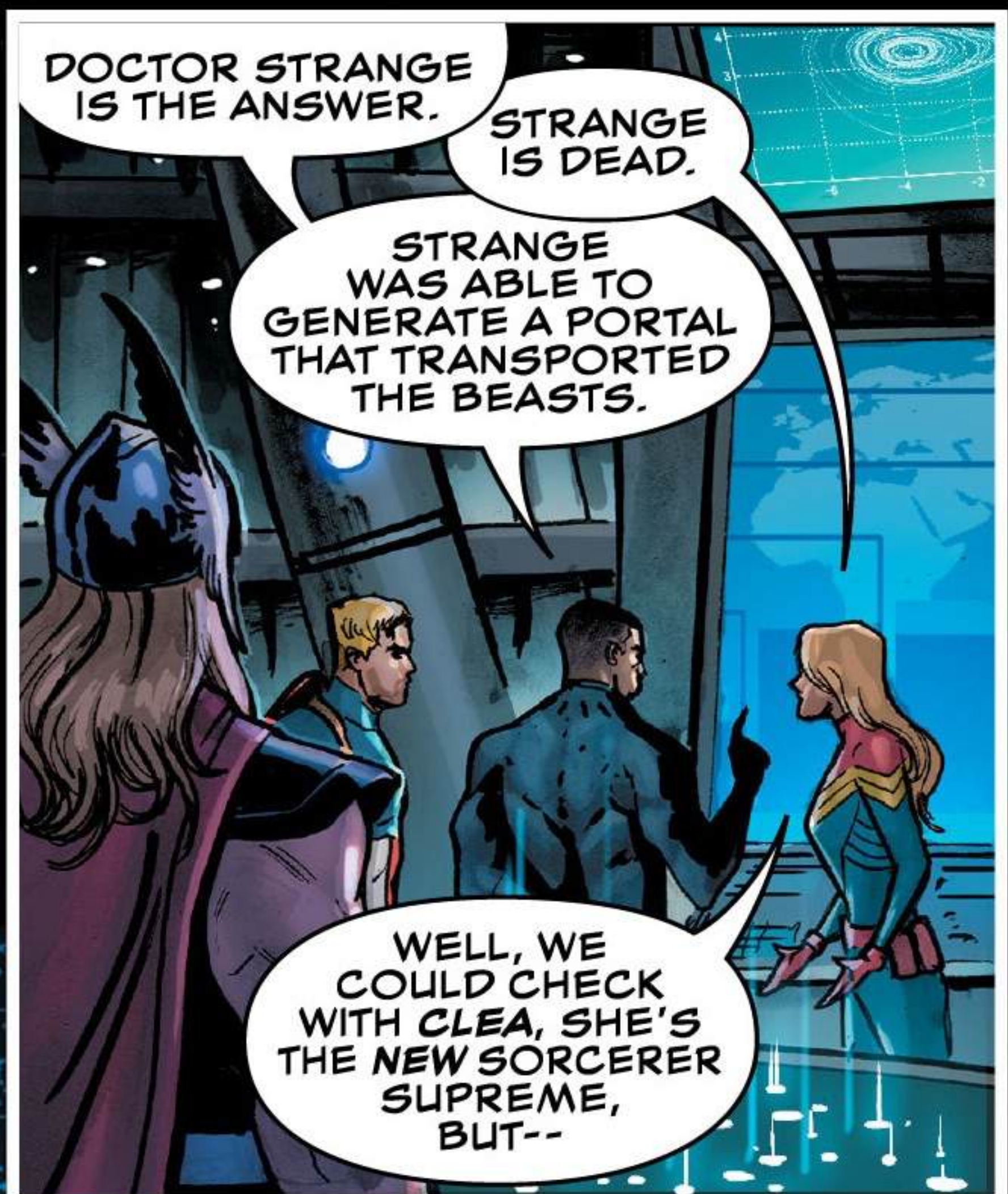
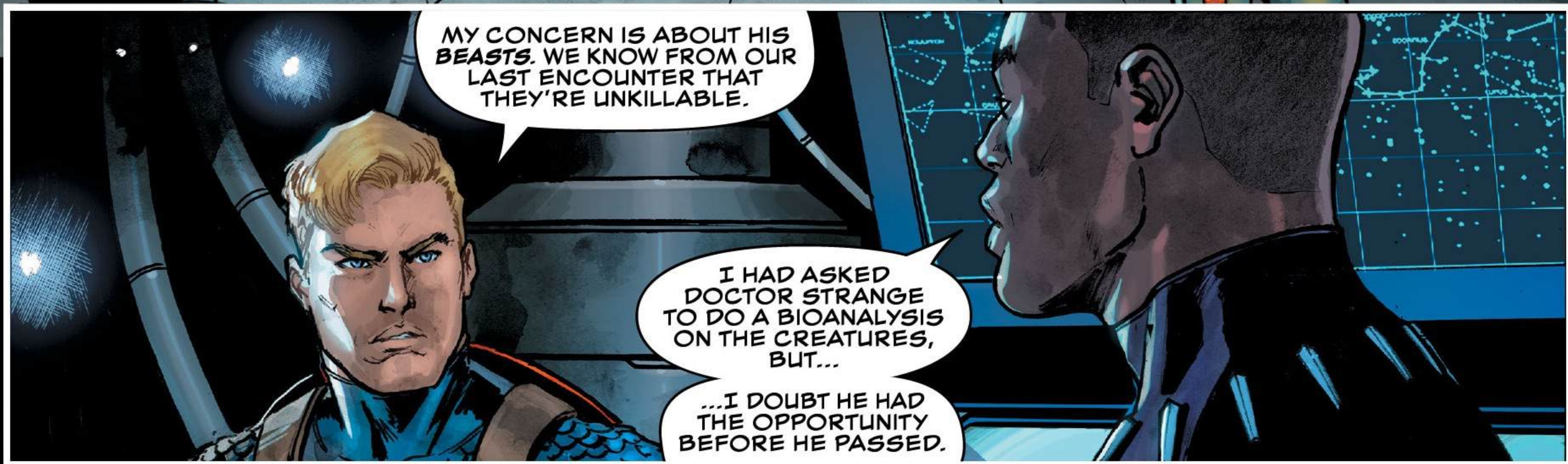


WHAT WOULD YOU CONSIDER THE PROBABILITY THAT HE IS INDEED GONE?

ZERO.

THAT WOULD BE MY BET TOO, CAROL.

THEN WE NEED TO GET TO WORK.





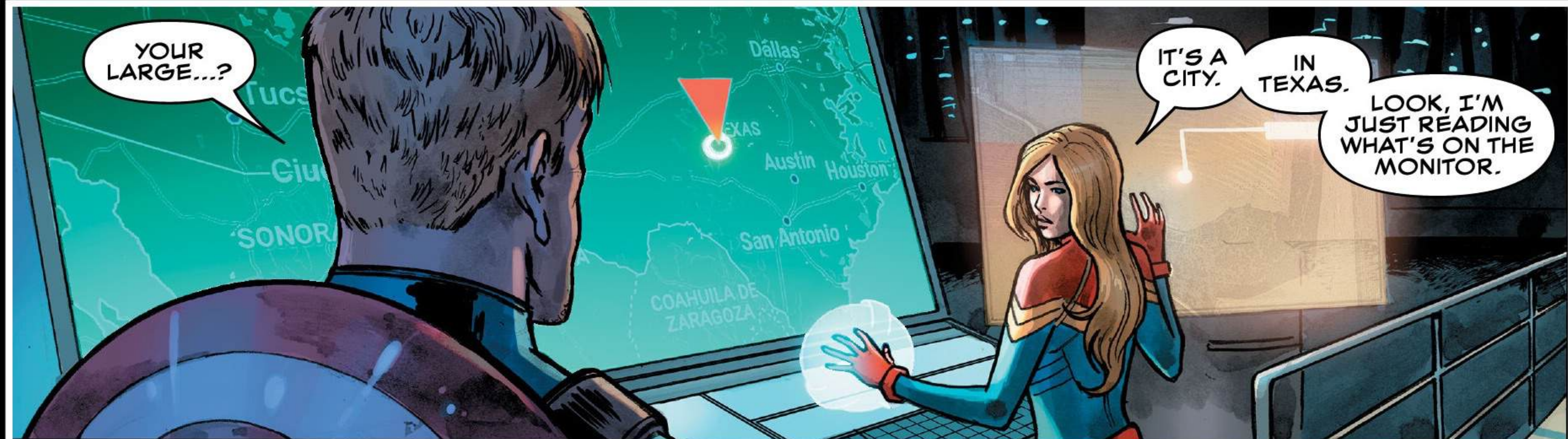
IT WILL TAKE A MOMENT TO ISOLATE THE INFORMATION.



I DON'T THINK WE'VE GOT A MOMENT. I'M READING THE COLONIALIST'S ENERGY SIGNATURE.

WHERE?

MY LARGE INTESTINE.



YOUR LARGE...?

IT'S A CITY.

IN TEXAS.

LOOK, I'M JUST READING WHAT'S ON THE MONITOR.



WE WERE ABLE TO CORRAL THOSE BEASTS PREVIOUSLY. KEEP THEM IN CHECK UNTIL I CAN REPLICATE STRANGE'S WAVEFORM.

MIND THE COLONIALIST. THE MAN IS ODD, BUT DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE HIM.

I WILL ABSOLUTELY MIND HIM.



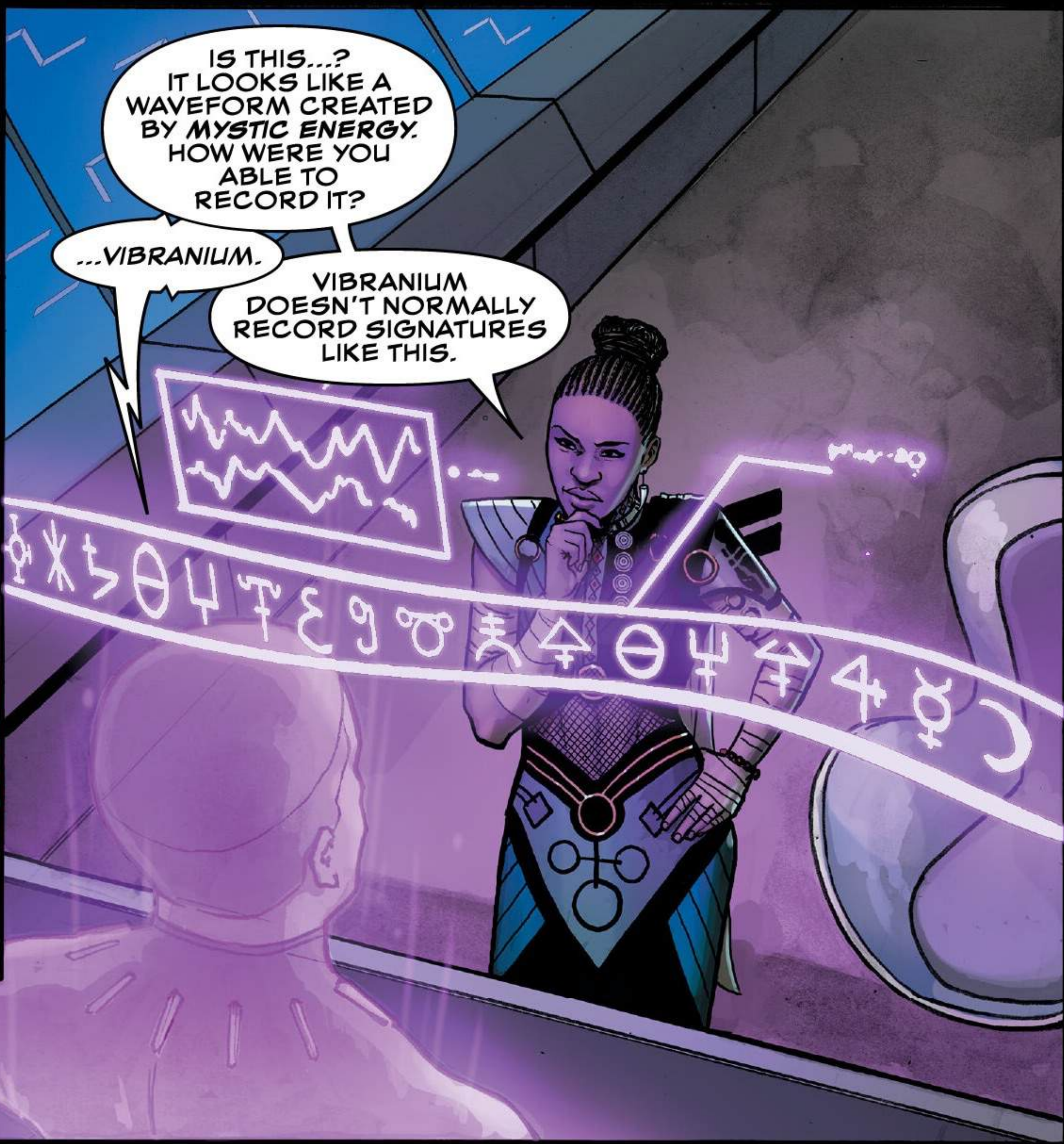
AND THEN I'LL GIVE THE COLONIALIST A LITTLE HISTORY LESSON.



SHURI...

I'M HERE.
WHAT'S UP?
YOU PUT ME ON
A SECURE
LINE.

I'M SENDING
YOU A WAVEFORM. I
NEED YOU TO HELP ME
DESIGN AN AMPLIFIER
THAT CAN HANDLE ITS
FREQUENCY.



IS THIS...?
IT LOOKS LIKE A
WAVEFORM CREATED
BY MYSTIC ENERGY.
HOW WERE YOU
ABLE TO
RECORD IT?

...VIBRANIUM.

VIBRANIUM
DOESN'T NORMALLY
RECORD SIGNATURES
LIKE THIS.

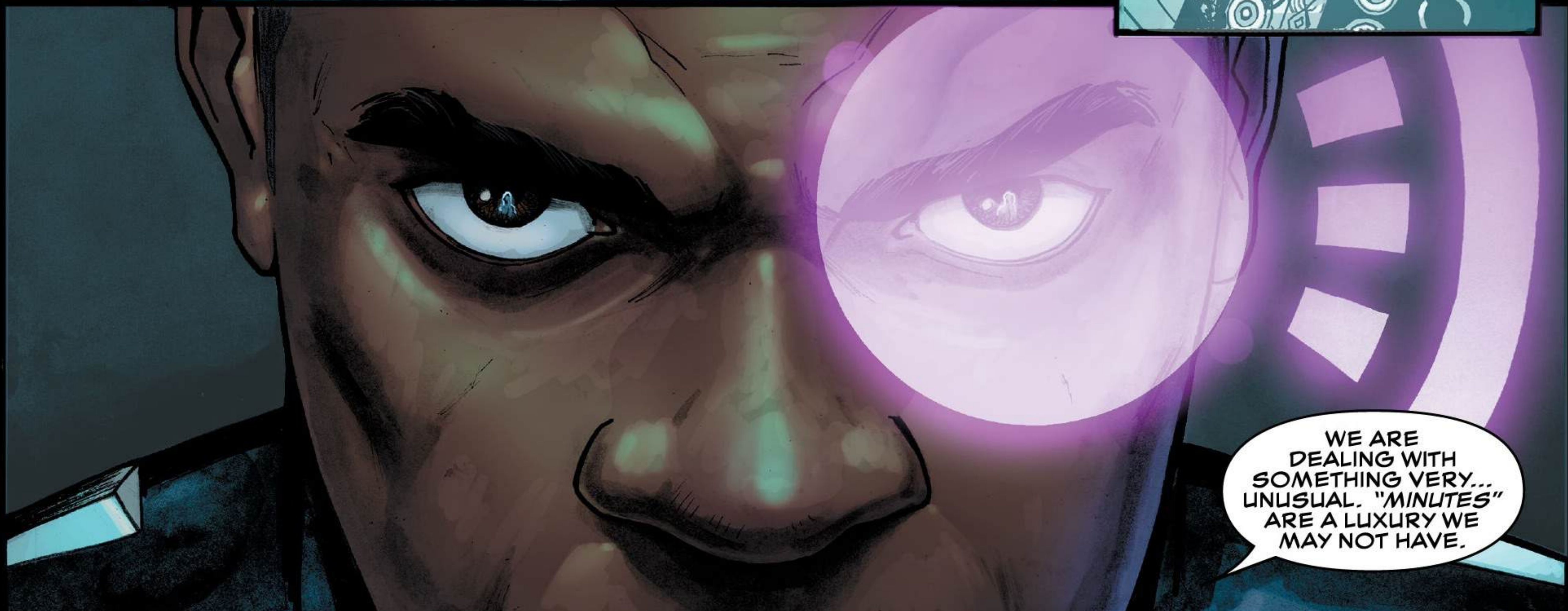
PLEASE
DON'T ASK
QUESTIONS RIGHT
NOW. I NEED
YOUR HELP.

YOU KNOW,
YOU SAID THE
SAME THING TO
ME NOT THAT LONG
AGO AND WAKANDA
ENDED UP GOING
TO WAR WITH
ITSELF.

SHURI...

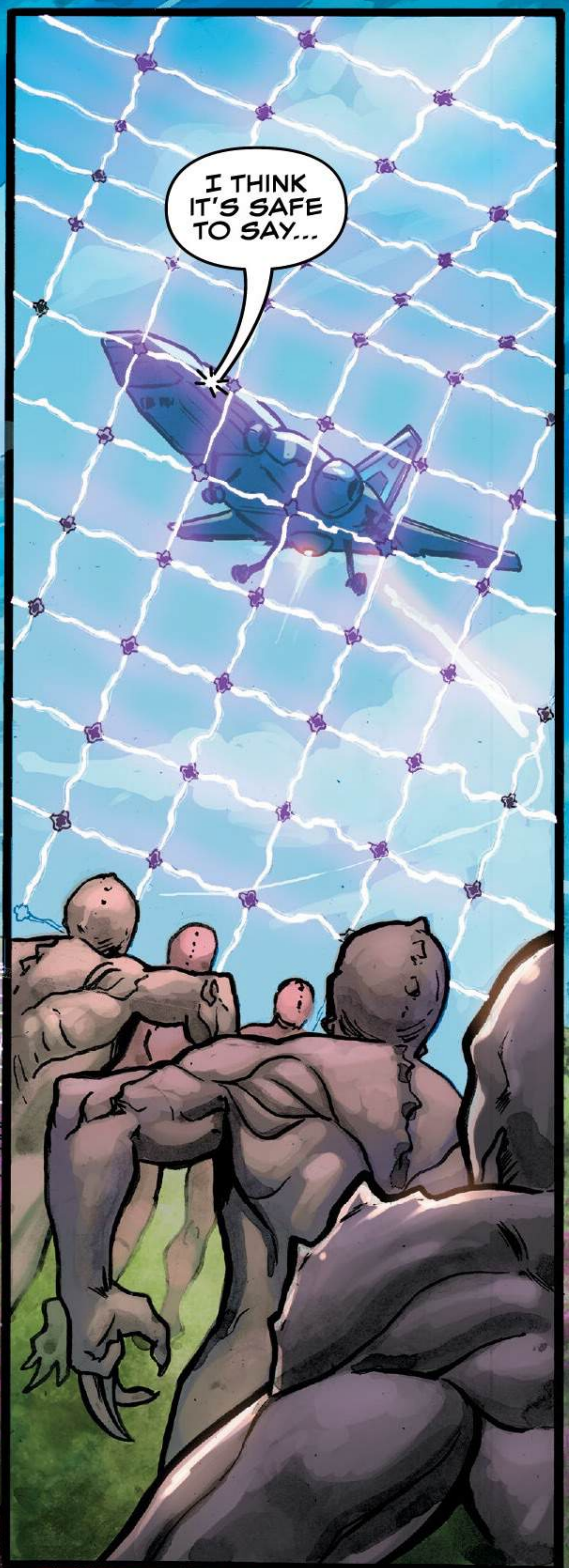
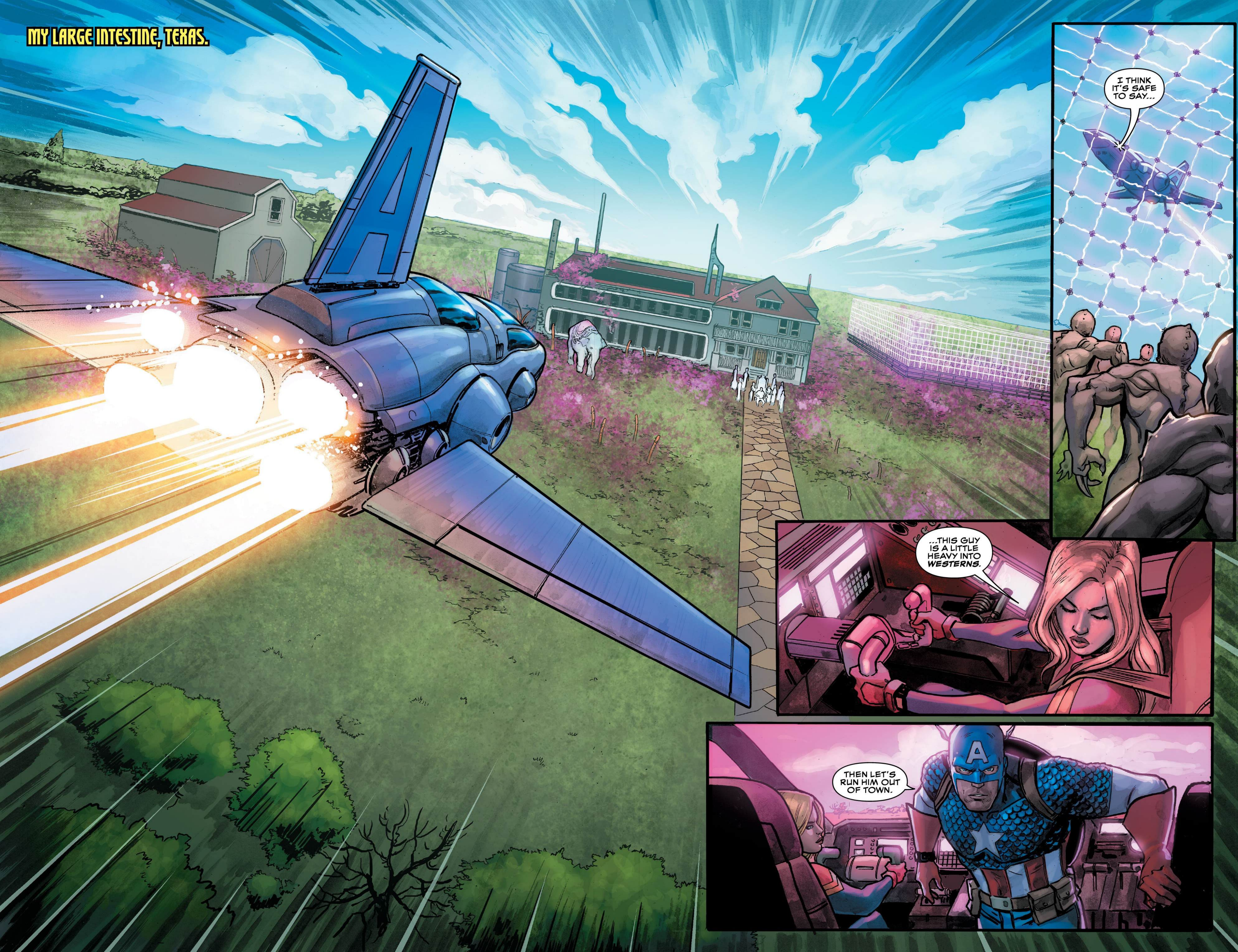
YES, I
KNOW. TRUST
YOU.

I'M ON IT,
BUT THIS IS
GOING TO TAKE
A MINUTE.



WE ARE
DEALING WITH
SOMETHING VERY...
UNUSUAL. "MINUTES"
ARE A LUXURY WE
MAY NOT HAVE.

MY LARGE INTESTINE, TEXAS.



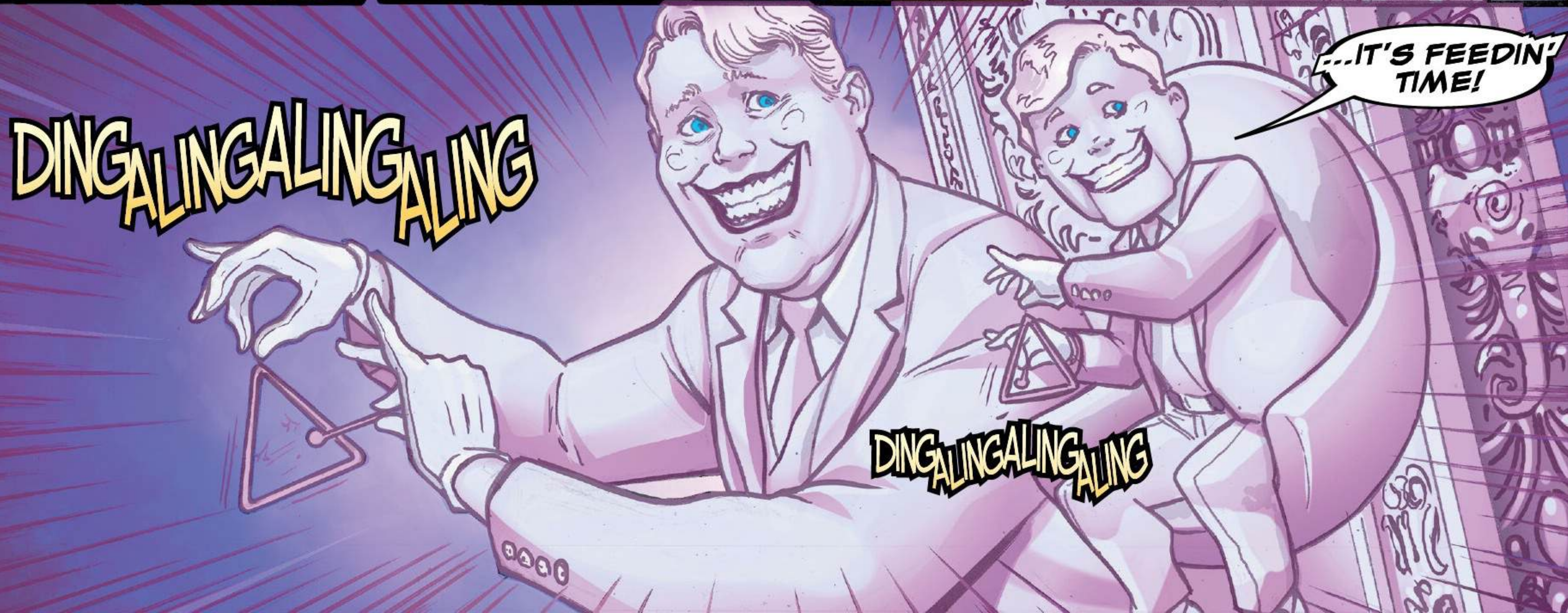
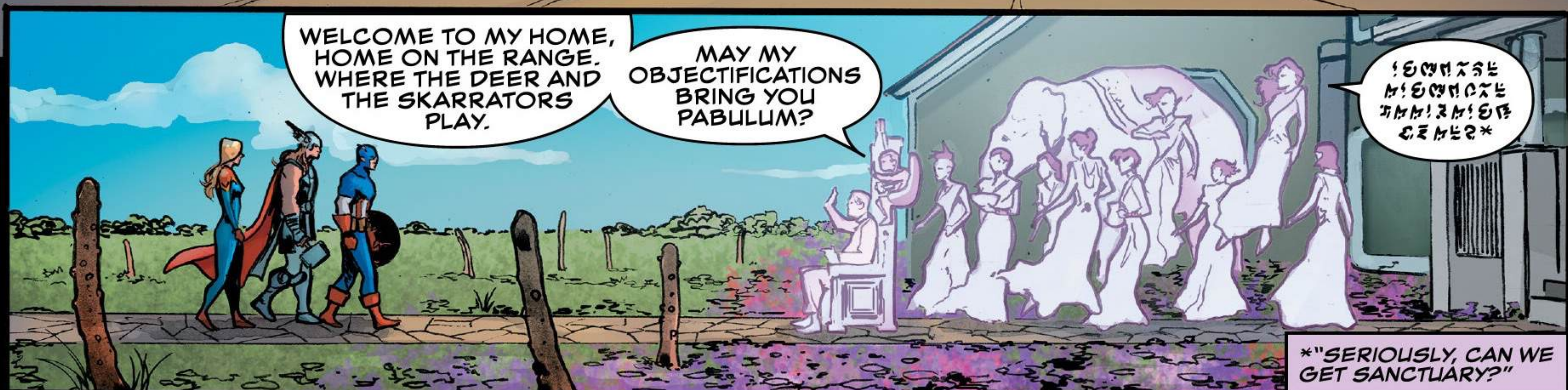
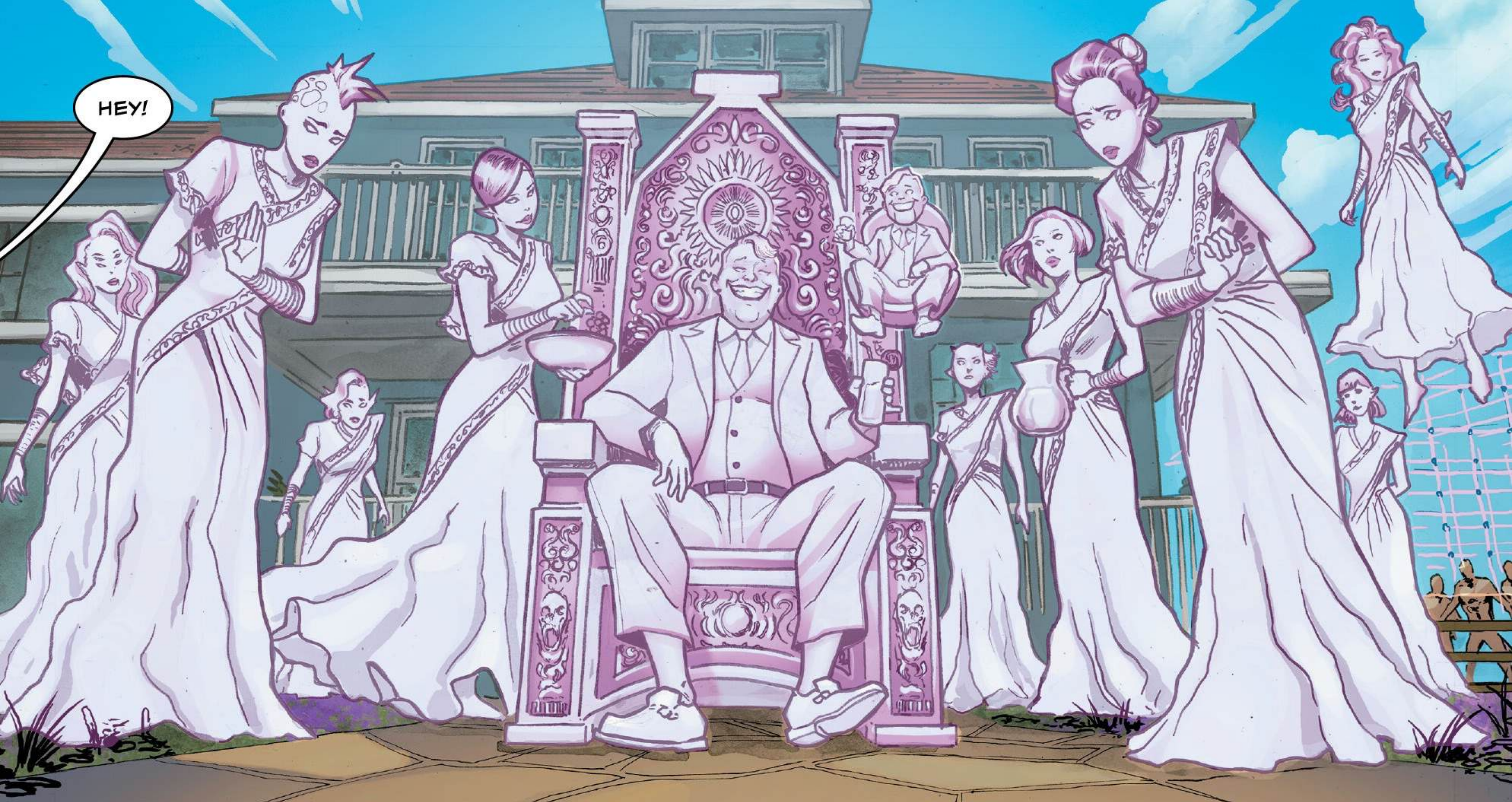
I THINK
IT'S SAFE
TO SAY...



...THIS GUY
IS A LITTLE
HEAVY INTO
WESTERNS.



THEN LET'S
RUN HIM OUT
OF TOWN.





AVENGERS,
THERE'S REALLY
NO OTHER WAY TO
SAY THIS: WE NEED
TO PROTECT
MY LARGE
INTESTINE.

THERE'S
PROBABLY, LIKE,
A MILLION OTHER
WAYS YOU COULD
HAVE SAID
THAT.

WE MAY
YET LACK
THE CAPACITY
TO TELEPORT
THE CREATURES,
BUT...



...LIGHTNING
PREVIOUSLY KEPT
THEM AT BAY.



READY
YOURSELF TO
REDIRECT THE
BOLT, CAPTAIN.



YOU KNOW
ME. I CAN DO
THIS ALL--



HOLY...!

SOMEONE
DAMAGED MY
SHIELD! WHO--?



TREMBLE
BEFORE THE COLONIAL
VOLUNTEER AUXILIARY
RESERVE EXPEDITIONARY
FIGHTING FORCE...
FOURTH BATTALION!



THE...

...SOMETHING,
SOMETHING...FOURTH
BATTALION...



AS MUCH
AS I APPRECIATE
SERVICE...

I WOULD
ECHO THOSE
SENTIMENTS,
HOWEVER...

...TIME TO
KICK A LITTLE
ASS.



T'CHALLA,
DO YOU
READ...?



I'M HERE,
STEVEN. I HAVE
THE WAVEFORM
AMPLIFIER AND AM
EN ROUTE.

PUT A LITTLE
SPEED ON IT,
IF YOU DON'T
MIND.



WE'RE
TIED DOWN
FIGHTING THE...
THE...SOMETHING,
SOMETHING FIFTH
BATTALION.

FOURTH
BATTALION!

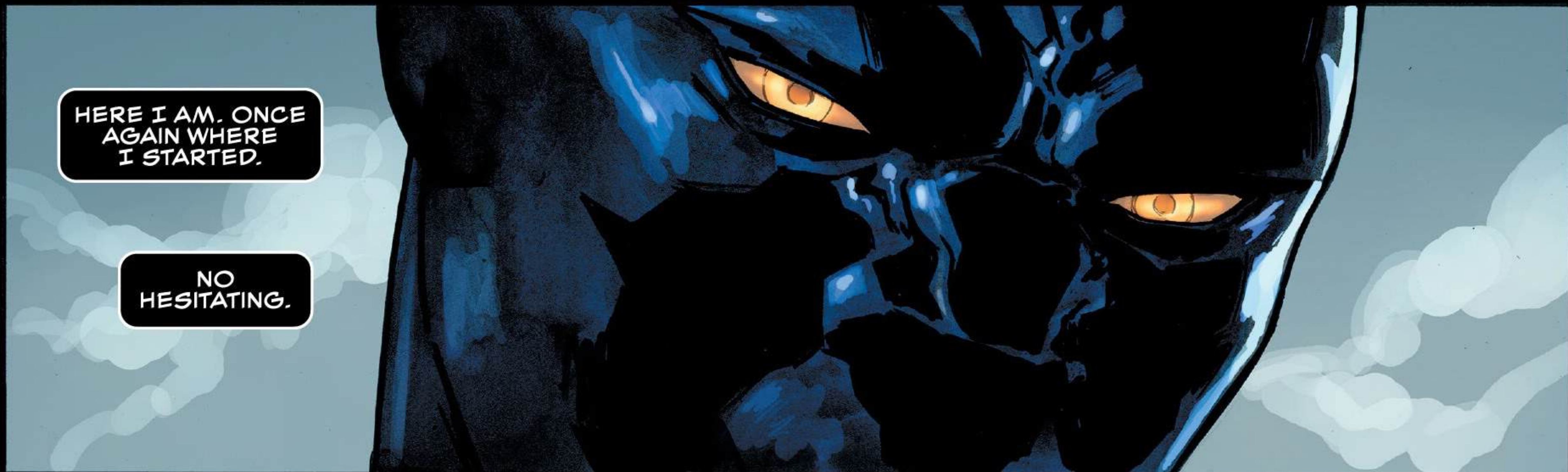


"T'CHALLA, THE COLONIALIST
HAS RELEASED HIS BEASTS.
THEY'RE HEADED FOR A
POPULATION CENTER..."



"...AND WE'RE IN
NO POSITION TO
STOP THEM."





HERE I AM. ONCE
AGAIN WHERE
I STARTED.

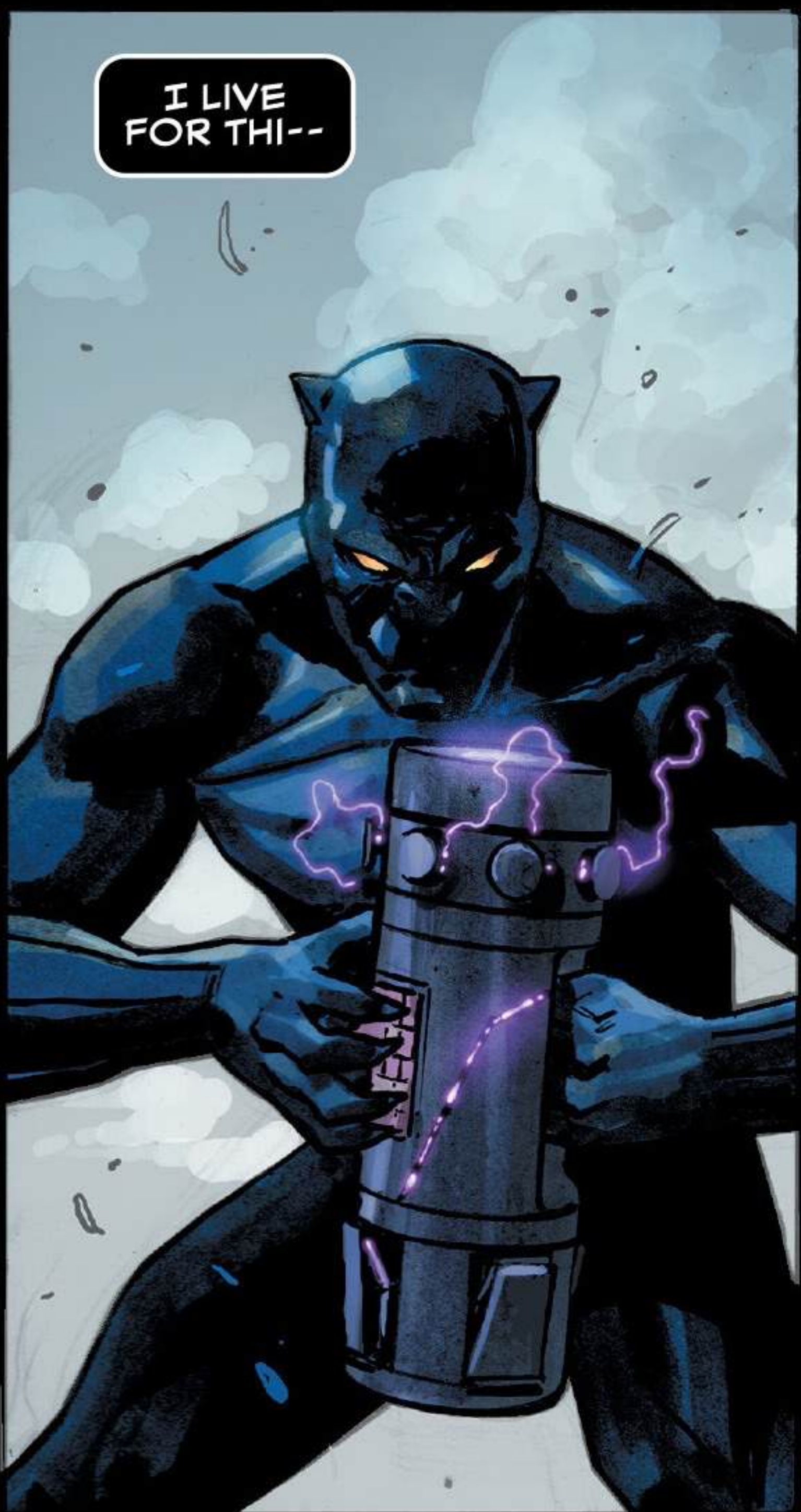
NO
HESITATING.



NO HOLDING
BACK.



WHY SAVE
ANYTHING FOR
LATER?



I LIVE
FOR THI--



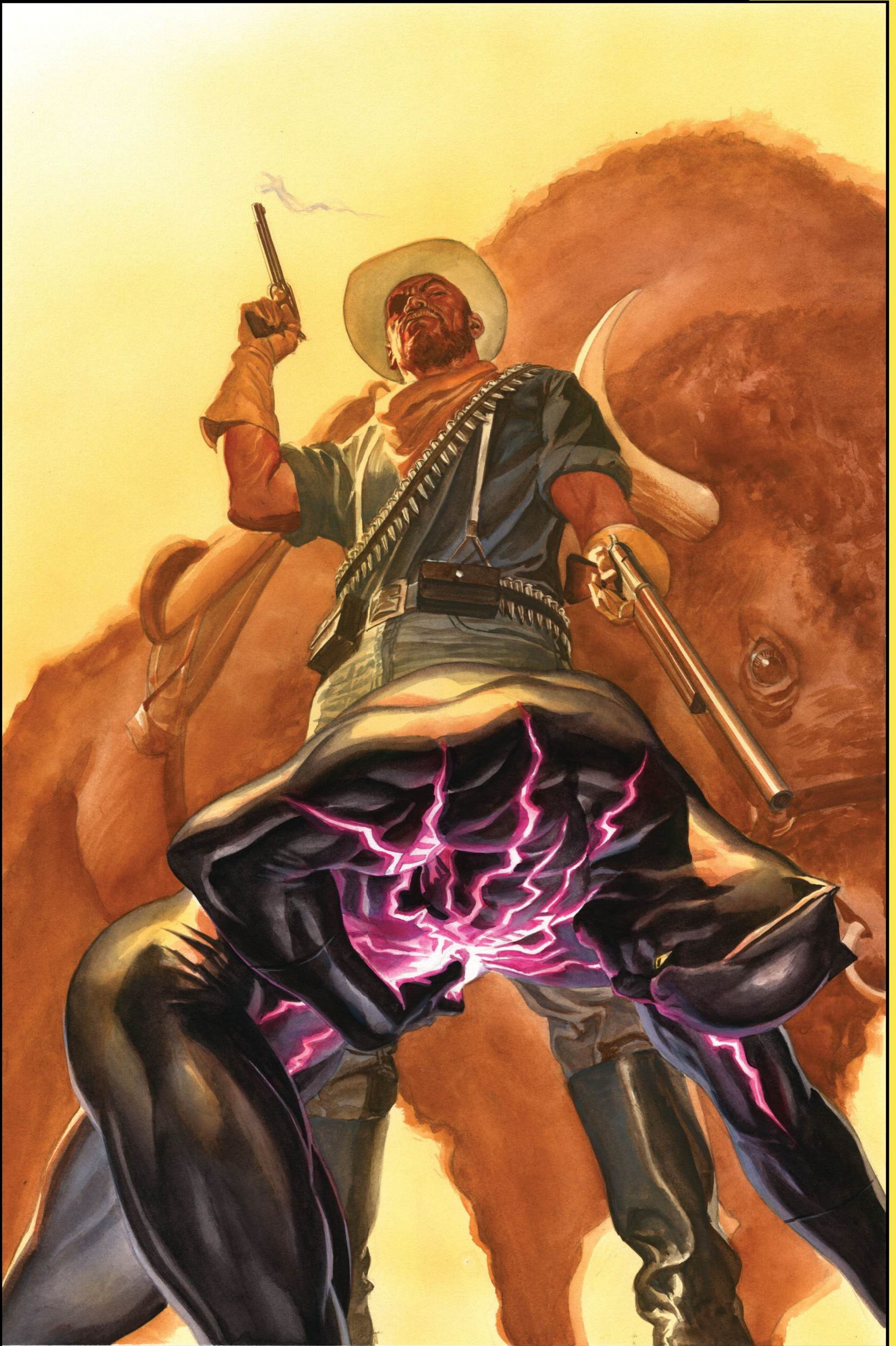
...SSSSH...



I'LL
HAVE NUN
'A YA TRICKS,
AFRO-CAT.

YOU
ARE IN THE
SIGHTS OF THE
**BUFFALO
SOLDIER!**







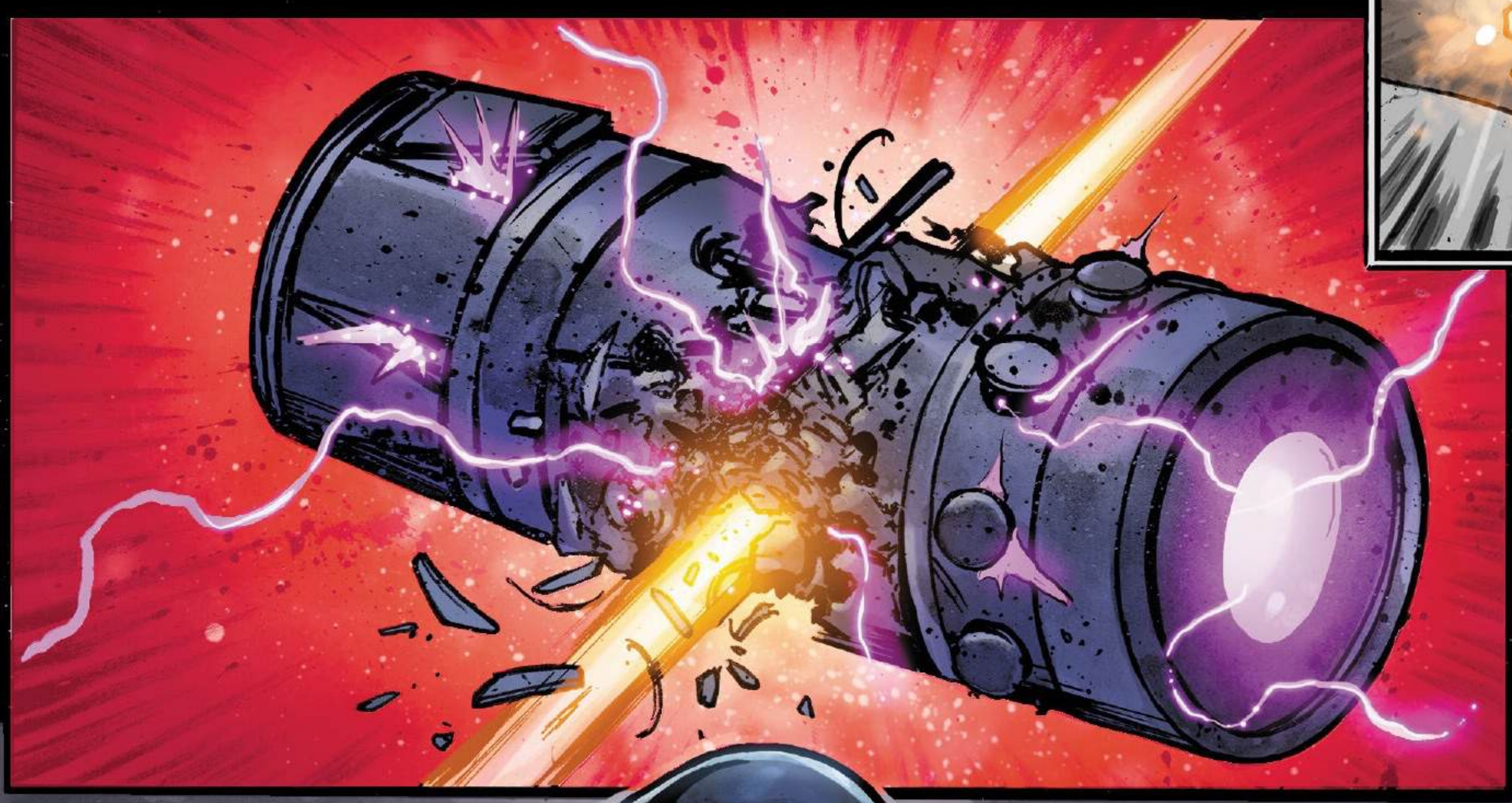




THEN
LET'S GET
YOU BACK
HOME.



HOWZABOUT
YAH LEAVE YOUR
TOY BE.

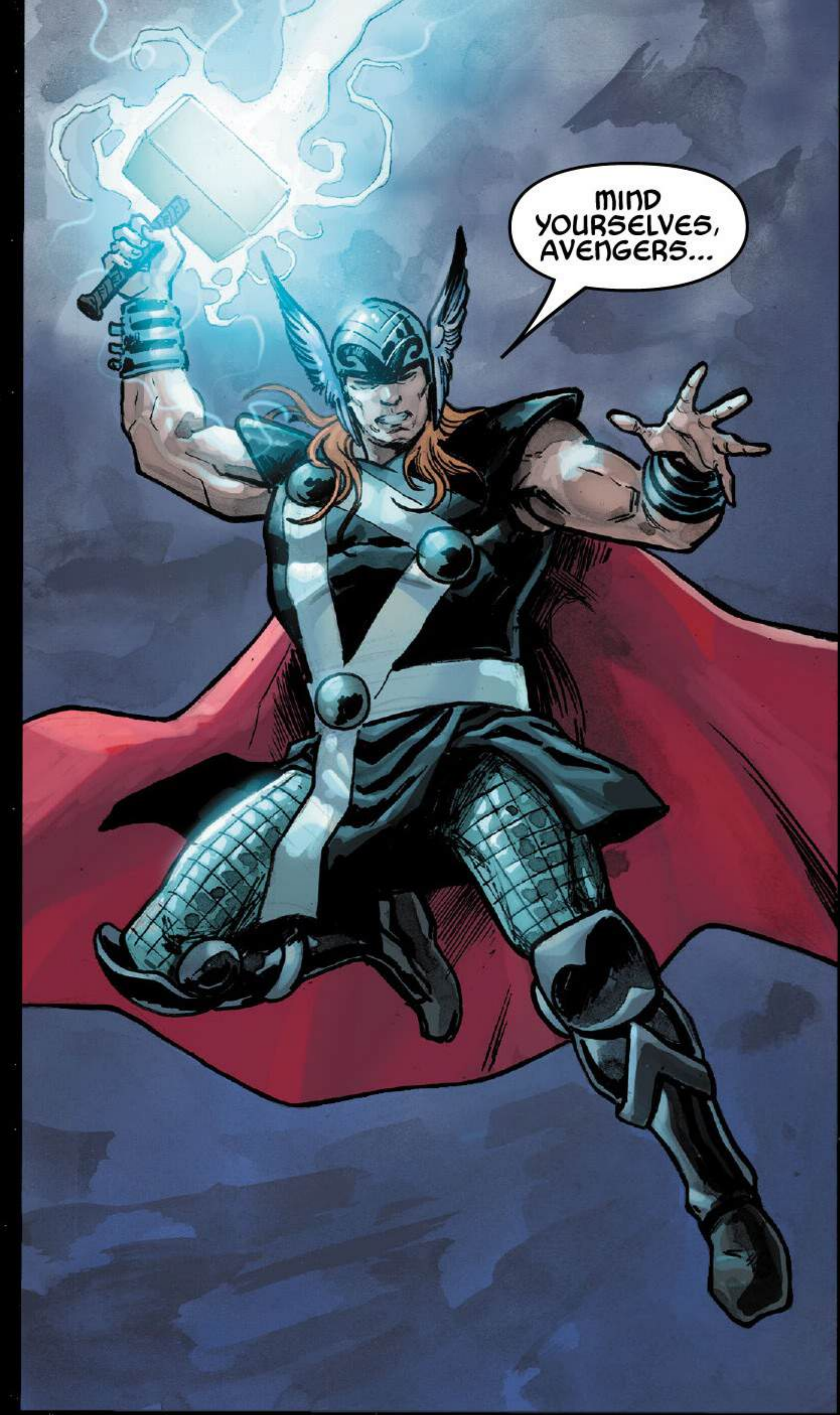


HOW DID
YOU...? THAT WAS
VIBRANIUM!

WHATEVER
IT WAS...



...I KNOW
YOUR *HIDE*
AIN'T NEARLY
AS THICK.



MIND YOURSELVES, AVENGERS...



...AS I GIVE THESE MARAUDERS A LITTLE SPARK.

KEEP CALM AND SLAUGHTER ON!

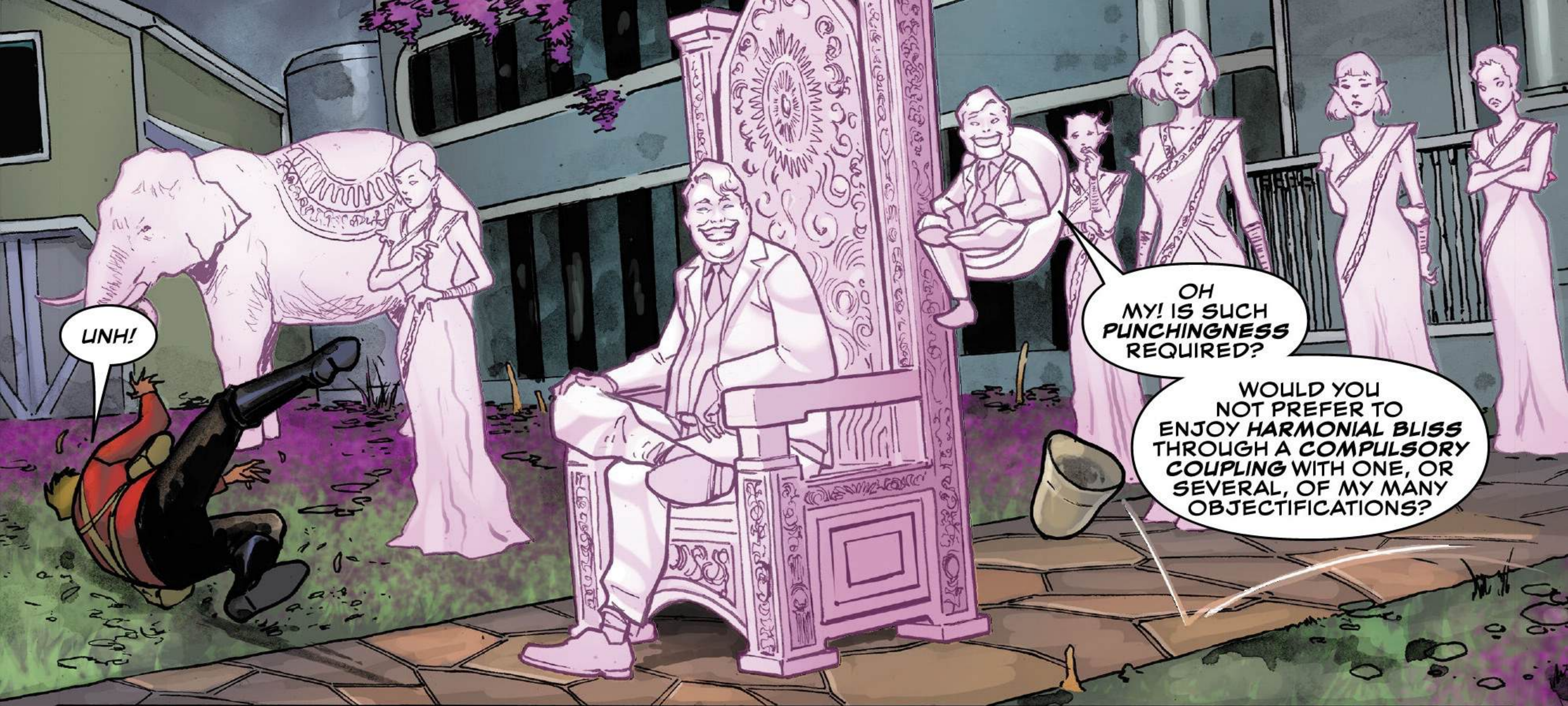


NOT QUITE AS EFFECTIVE AS I'D HOPED. SAME AS THE BEASTS--



--THE COLONIALIST'S ARMY IS UNSTOPPABLE. CAROL, CAN YOU--?

GOT MY HANDS FULL INTERCEPTING THEIR BULLETS, STEVE!







T'CHALLA...?

BAM BAM



T'CHALLA...!



STEVEN,
I READ
YOU.

ACTIVATE
THE DEVICE!

NOT
POSSIBLE.
IT'S BEEN
DESTROYED.



YOU NEED
TO THINK OF
SOMETHING.
FAST.



I'M DEALING WITH
A SITUATION AT
THE MOMENT.

LI'L CAT...
WHERE ARE
YAH?



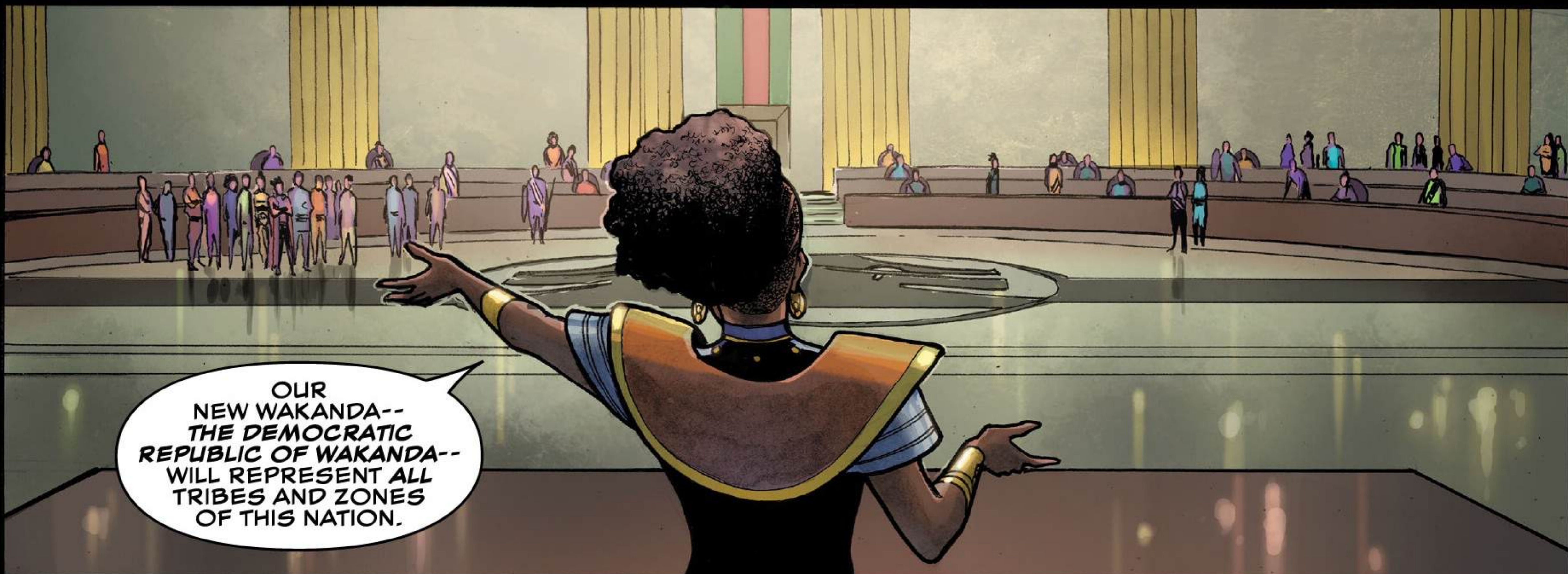
WE NEED
A PLAN! YOU'RE
OUR LEADER!

...YEAH...

"THE REALITY IS...
WE NEED NEW
LEADERSHIP."



AS YOUR PRIME MINISTER, I PLEDGE THAT WE ARE DONE WITH THE WAKANDA OF THE PAST. A NATION RUN BY A KING WHO WAS LITTLE MORE THAN AN AUTOCRAT.



OUR NEW WAKANDA-- THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF WAKANDA-- WILL REPRESENT ALL TRIBES AND ZONES OF THIS NATION.



AS WE BUILD A DEFENSE FORCE OF CITIZEN SOLDIERS, WE WILL FIGHT FOR ONE THING AND ONE THING ALONE: A FREE WAKANDA!



SHURI. WHERE ARE YOU?

AT PARLIAMENT. THE FIRST CONVENTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF WAKANDA.

THE DEMOCRATIC--

YOU'RE GETTING ABSOLUTELY SLAGGED, BROTHER. YOU... EVERYTHING YOU STAND FOR...



SOMEBODY ACTUALLY OFFERED UP A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING YOUR UNIFORM. LOST BY FOUR VOTES.

SHURI, I NEED SOME HELP.

THE COLONIALIST--HE'S GOT A...A BUFFALO SOLDIER WORKING WITH HIM. HE DESTROYED THE WAVEFORM GENERATOR.



A BUFFALO SOLDIER? IF HE'S ANYTHING LIKE OUR EARTH EQUIVALENT... I'M SENDING SOME INFO ACROSS TO YOU.

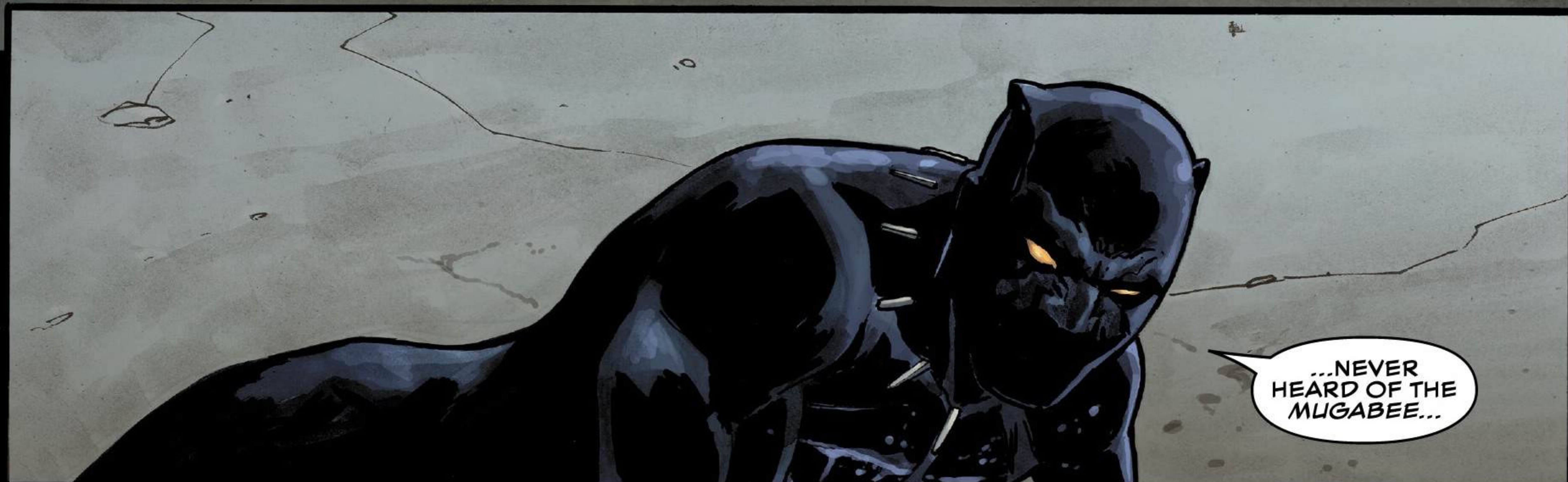






TOLD YAH,
SON. WHERE
I COME FROM,
WE WERE TAUGHT
HOW TAH
FIGHT.

THAT'S
HOW WE GOT
RID OF THE
MUGABEE.



...NEVER
HEARD OF THE
MUGABEE...



I WOULD HOPE TO HELL
NOT. IF THE UNIVERSE
HAS CREATED A MORE
INSIDIOUS KIND THAN
THE MUGABEE, THEY
HAVE NOT YET SHOWN
THEMSELVES.



WHAT IS THE
MUGABEE?



THE MUGABEE ARE THE SWORN ENEMY OF MY PEOPLE.

WEREN'T ALWAYS, THOUGH.

"WAS A TIME THE MUGABEE WALKED AMONG US SAME AS IF THEY WERE US. LIKE BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

"THEN COMES A DAY THE COLONIALIST ARRIVES TO US.

"HE LIBERATES US FROM OUR IGNORANCE BY TELLING US THE MUGABEE WERE SECRETLY OUR ENEMIES. JUST WAITING FOR THE CHANCE TO KILL US ALL.

"IT WAS THE COLONIALIST WHO GAVE US WEAPONS, TAUGHT US HOW TO FIGHT...

"...AND TOLD US TO GO KILL THE MUGABEE.

"AND ALL THE COLONIALIST WANTED IN RETURN...SOME SHINY, USELESS ROCKS HE HAD US DIG UP OUT OF THE MUGABEE'S LAND FOR HIM."



"SHINY, USELESS ROCKS"?

THE COLONIALIST DIDN'T "LIBERATE" YOU. HE TRICKED YOU INTO DOING HIS DIRTY WORK: KILLING THE MUGABEE AND TAKING WHAT WAS THEIRS.

YOU DON'T KNOW A THING, SON.



WHAT I KNOW...YOU CALL YOURSELF THE BUFFALO SOLDIER...

ON THIS PLANET, WE HAD BUFFALO SOLDIERS: FREEMEN WHO SERVED THEIR COUNTRY WITH HONOR PROTECTING THE FRONTIER.



"BUT WHEN THE FRONTIER EXPANDED, THE BUFFALO SOLDIERS WERE ORDERED TO FIGHT AND KILL THE PEOPLE WHOSE LAND WE'RE STANDING ON RIGHT NOW."



SOUNDS LIKE THEY WERE DOING AS TOLD.

THESE WERE MEN WHO FOUGHT FOR THEIR FREEDOM IN THIS COUNTRY'S CIVIL WAR. THEY HAD A CHOICE. THEY CHOSE TO TAKE THEIR FREEDOM AND TURN IT ON OTHERS.



WHAT DO YAH KNOW ABOUT "FREEDOM" AND "CHOICE"? DIDN'T YAH SAY YOU'RE THE KING OF WAKAIAAAAAANFFF?

DO YAH ORDER PEOPLE AROUND, MR. KING? DO YAH TELL 'EM WHAT TAH DO N' EXPECT 'EM TAH DO IT?



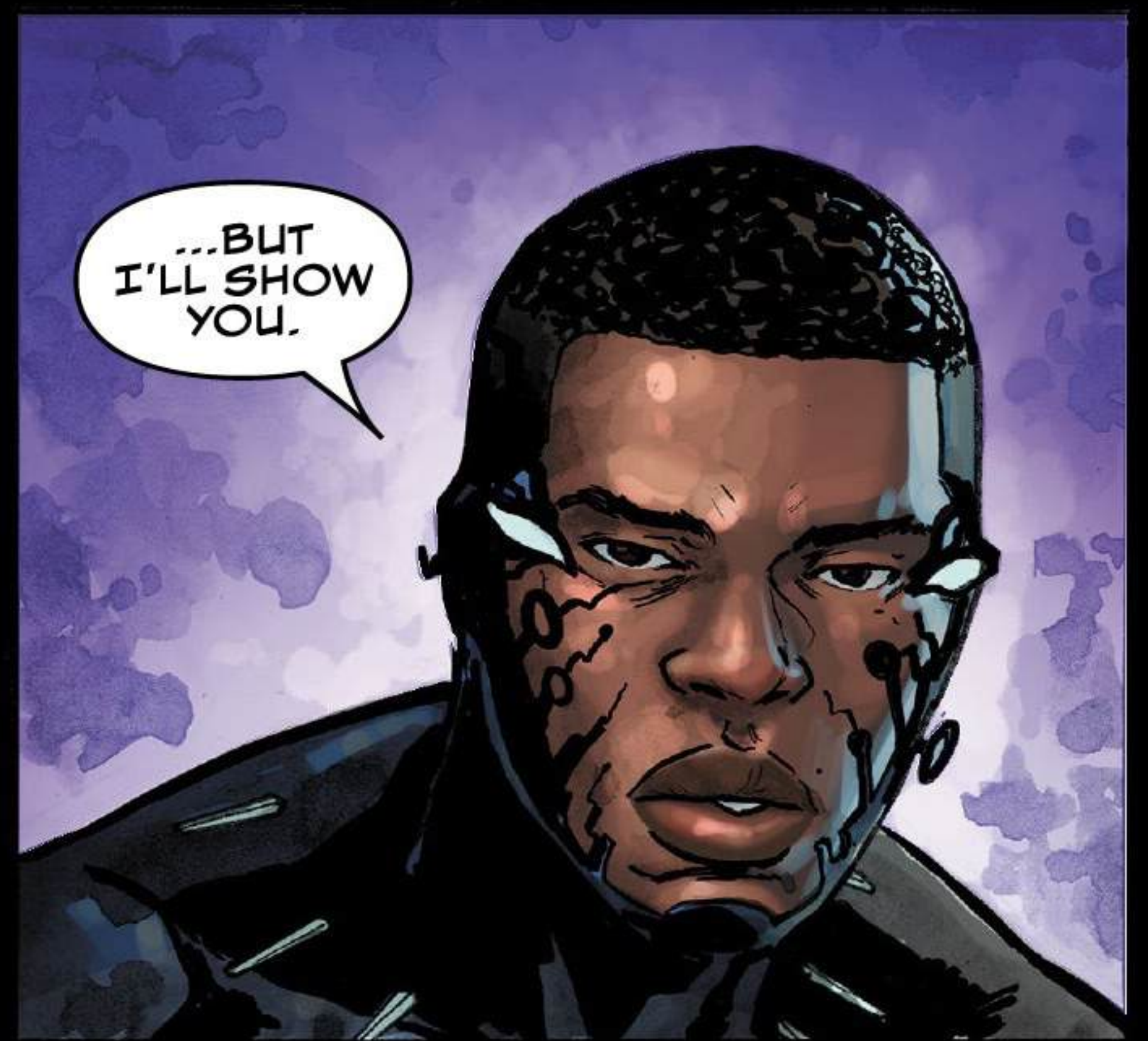
...I...

YES.



THEN
DON'T TELL ME
NOTHING ABOUT
FREE WILL.

I HAVE
NOTHING TO
TELL YOU...



...BUT
I'LL SHOW
YOU.



DEFEND
YERSELF OR
I'LL SHOOT.

YOU
HAVE A
CHOICE...

DEFEND
YERSELF!

YOU HAVE
FREE WILL.
USE IT.



BAAAAAM



...LORD...



CAT
MAN...!



WHAT
DID YAH DO...?
JUST *STOOD*
THERE...

HAD TO
SHOW YOU...YOU
HAVE FREE WILL...
AND EVERY
CHOICE...



...HAS
CONSEQUENCES...



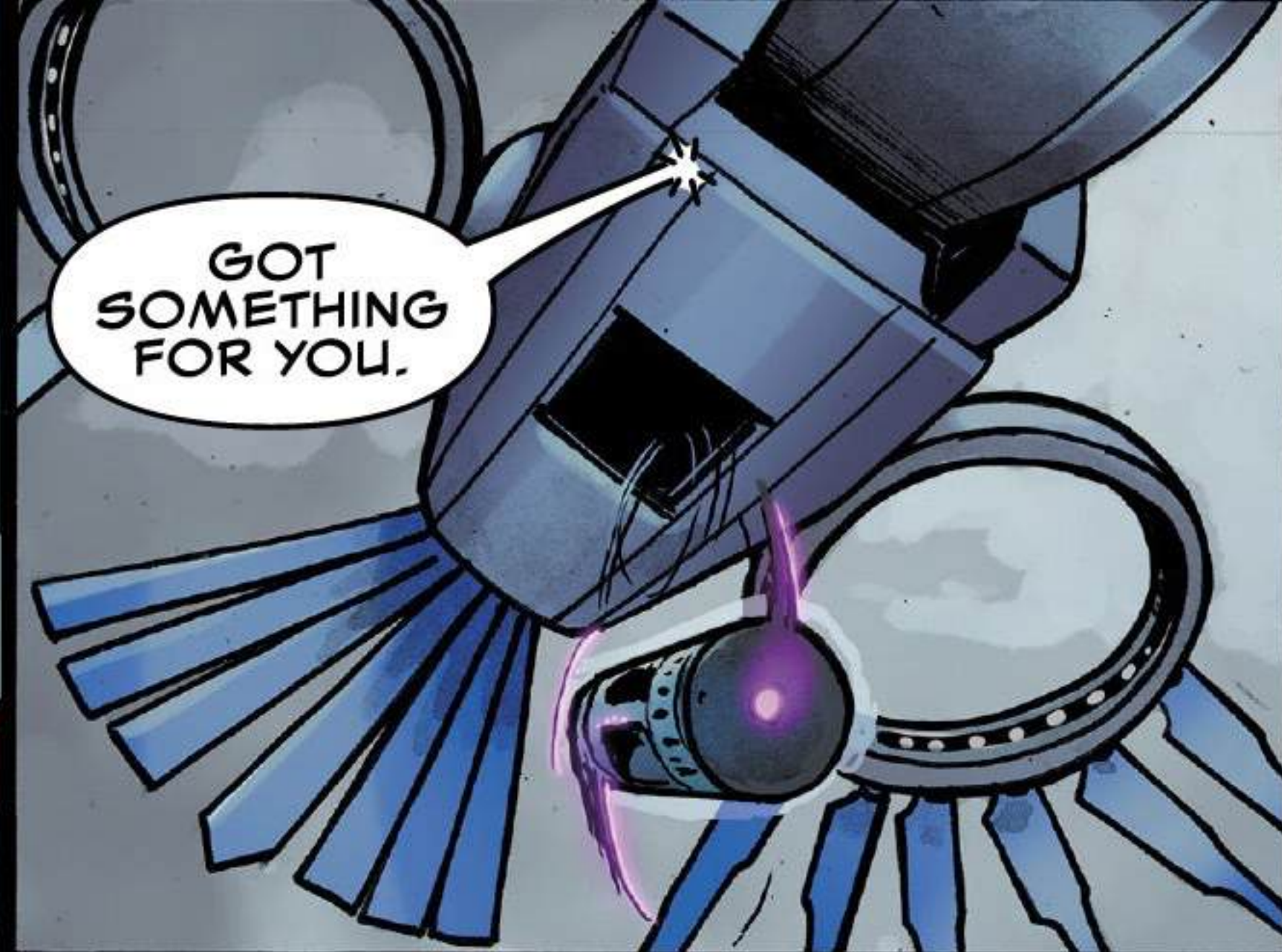
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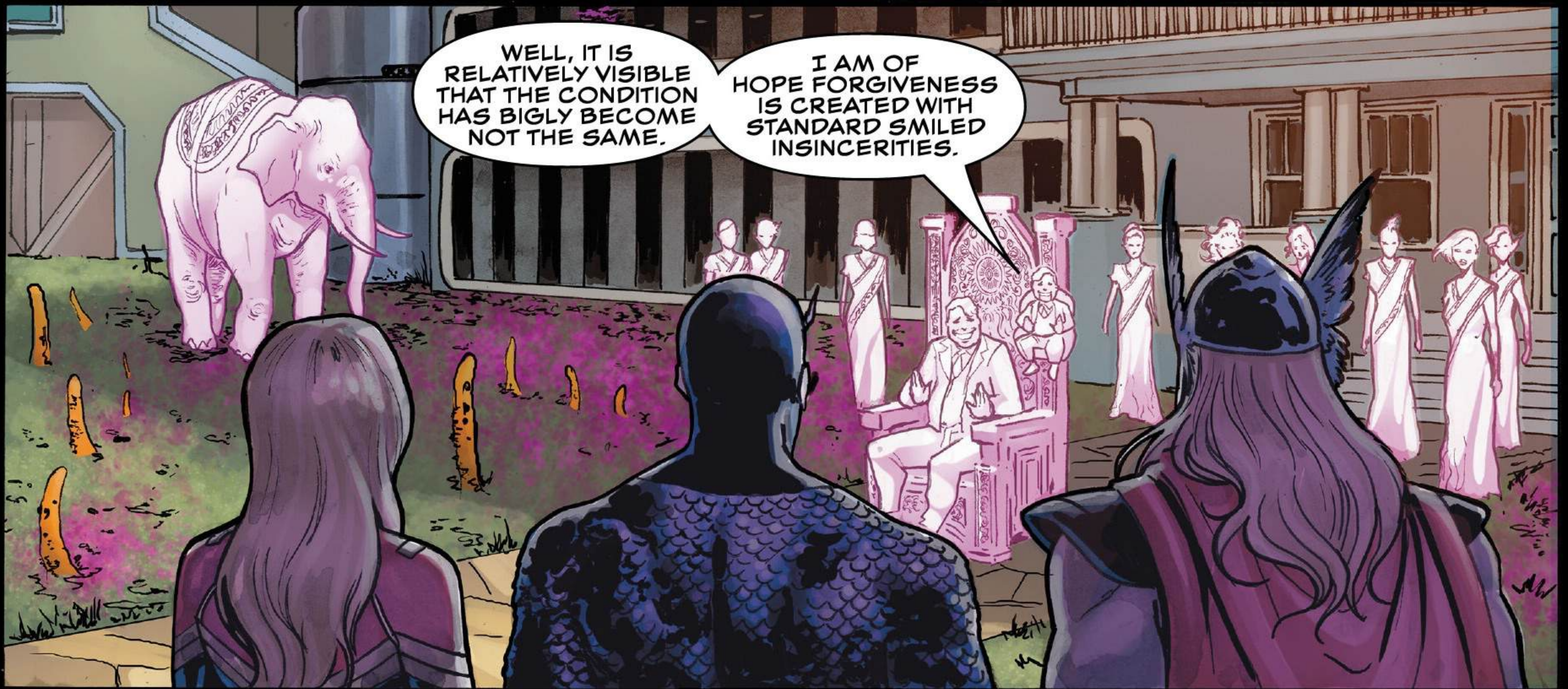


WHEEET









WELL, IT IS
RELATIVELY VISIBLE
THAT THE CONDITION
HAS BIGLY BECOME
NOT THE SAME.

I AM OF
HOPE FORGIVENESS
IS CREATED WITH
STANDARD SMILED
INSINCERITIES.



COLONIALIST,
I AM GOING
TO--



너는 왜 그렇게 하냐? 너는 왜 그렇게 하냐?
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*"HEY, SHERLOCK. THE BIG GUY'S THE PUPPET.
THE LITTLE ONE'S RUNNING THE SHOW."



WHAT ARE
THEY...?

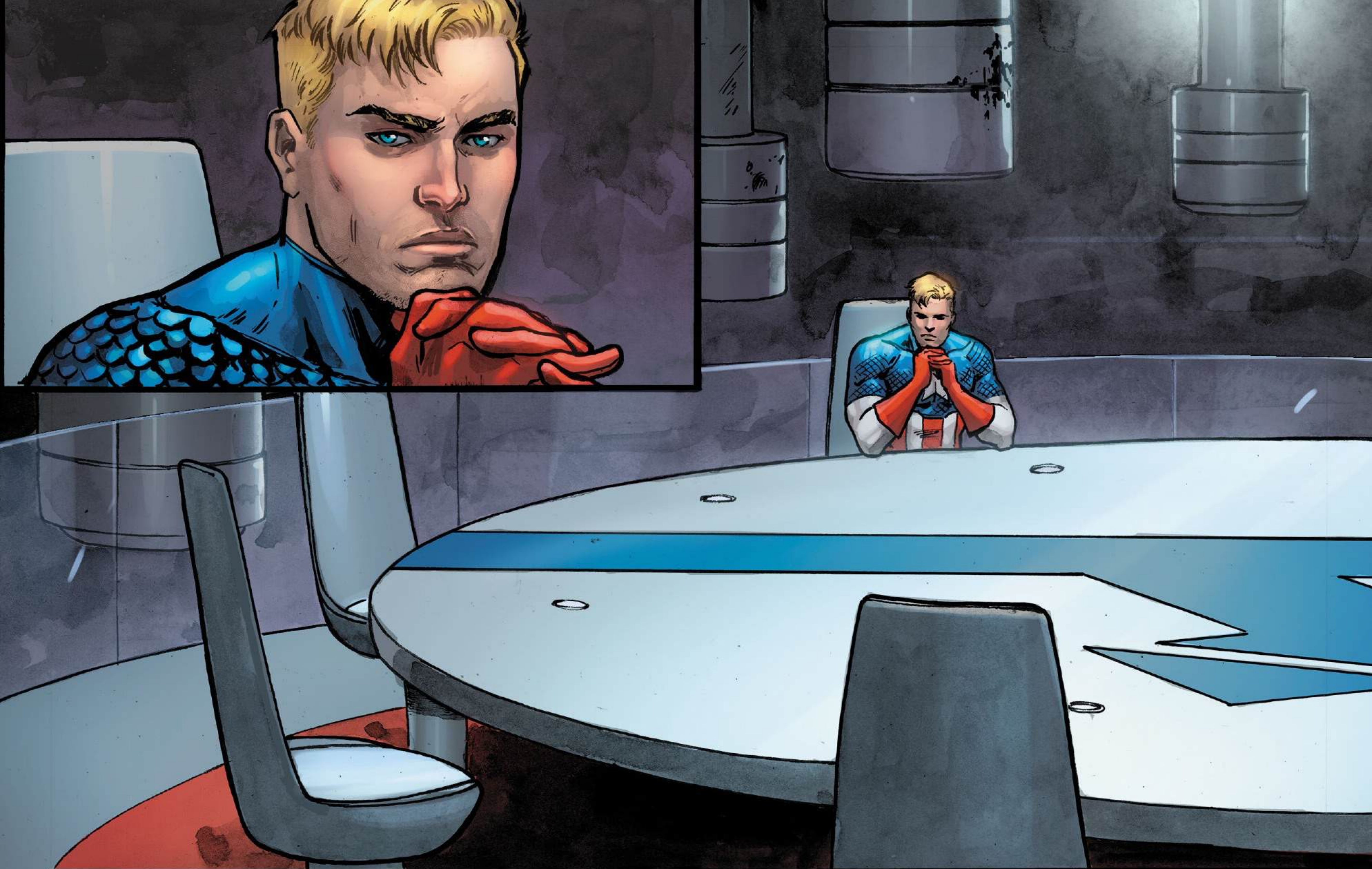
THINK
I GET IT.
LADIES, HAVE
AT HIM.

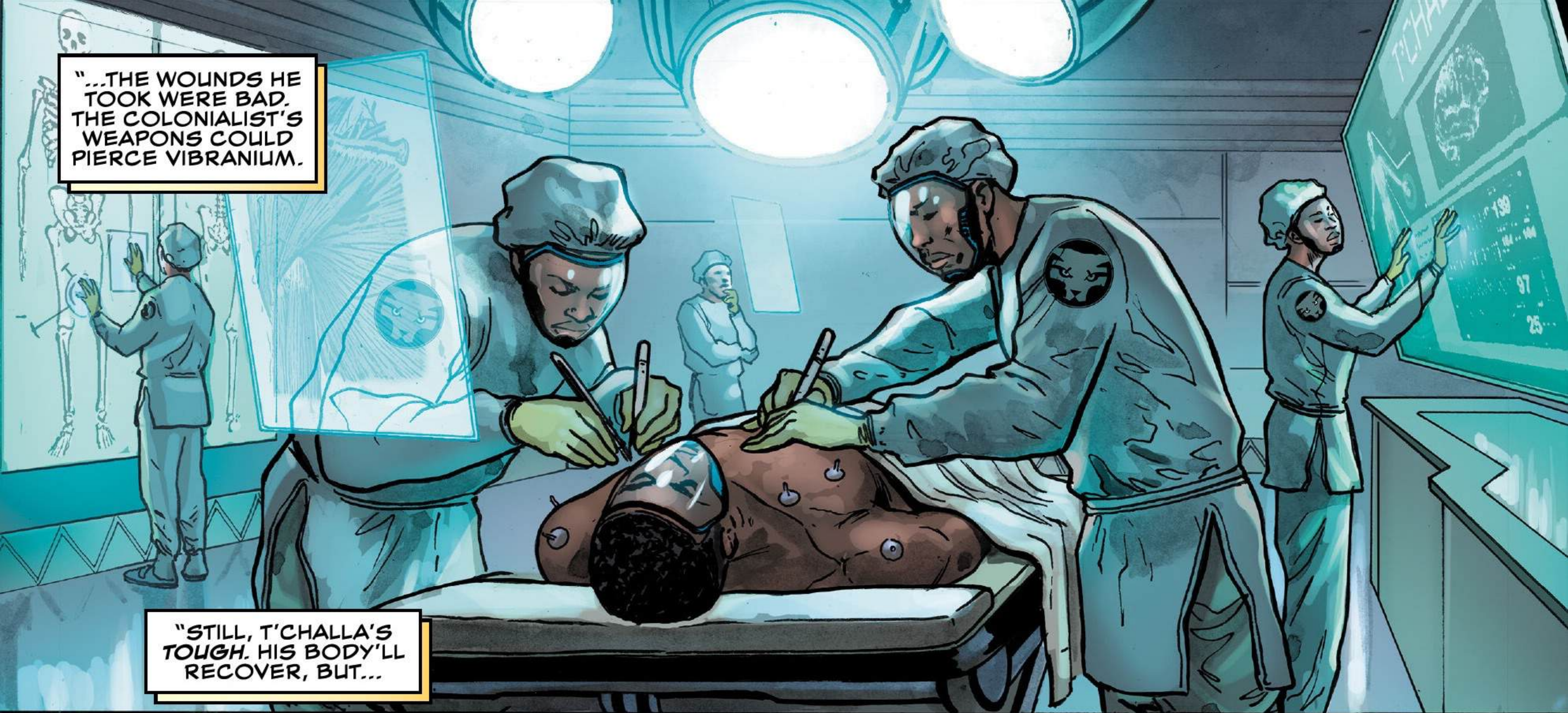


...UHHH...



IS THERE
NO GRATITUDE
FOR ALL MY
IMPOSITIONS?!





"...THE WOUNDS HE TOOK WERE BAD. THE COLONIALIST'S WEAPONS COULD PIERCE VIBRANIUM.

"STILL, T'CHALLA'S TOUGH. HIS BODY'LL RECOVER, BUT...



"...YOU CAN'T IMAGINE THE LOSS HE'S SUFFERED. TWO MEN: ONE T'CHALLA TRUSTED LIKE A FRIEND...



"...THE OTHER HE LOVED LIKE A BROTHER."



T'CHALLA'S PAST IS BUSTED, HIS FUTURE UNCLEAR... THAT HURTS IN A DIFFERENT WAY, YOU KNOW?

I WOULDN'T KNOW. T'CHALLA IS FULL OF SECRETS. I'LL BE HONEST-- SOMETIMES I THINK I'M NEVER REALLY GOING TO KNOW HIM.



"WELL, CAP, YOU'RE NOT ALONE.

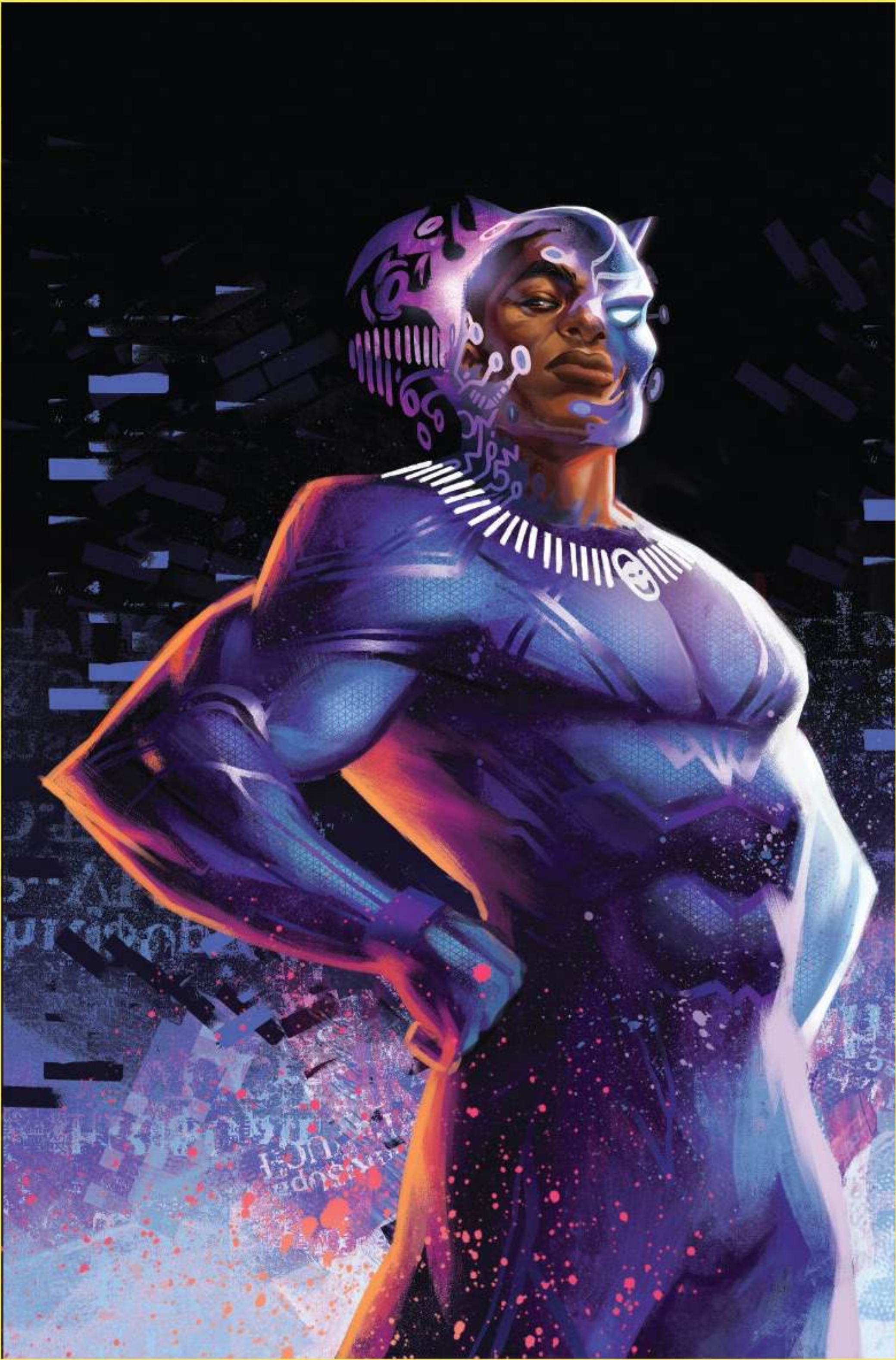


"SOMETIMES I THINK MY BROTHER DOESN'T EVEN KNOW HIMSELF."

END.



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||||| **YANICK PAQUETTE**



#9 Variant |||||
||||| **MATEUS MANHANINI**



#10 Variant |||||
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BUFFALO SOLDIER FLASHBACK STORY

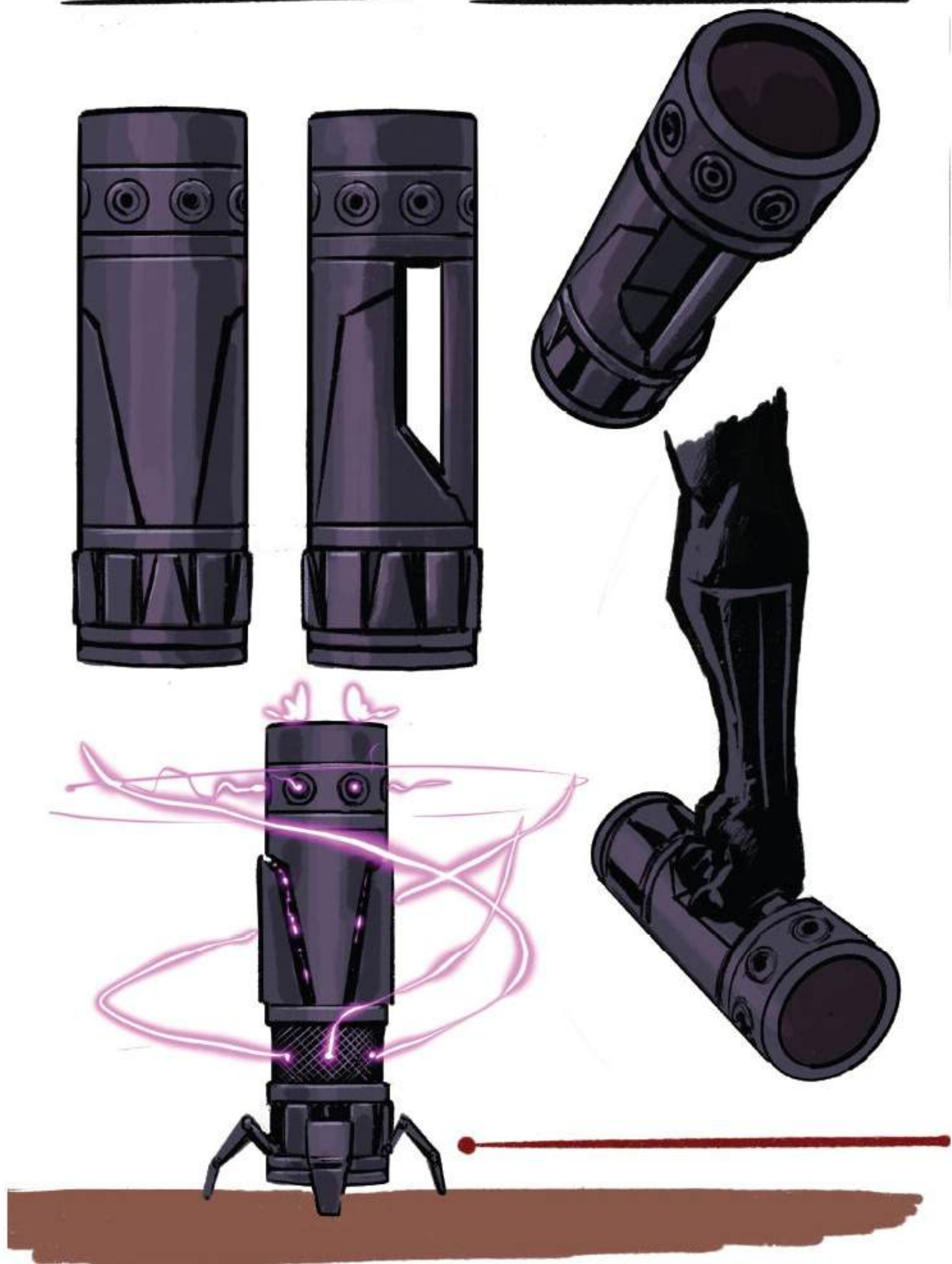


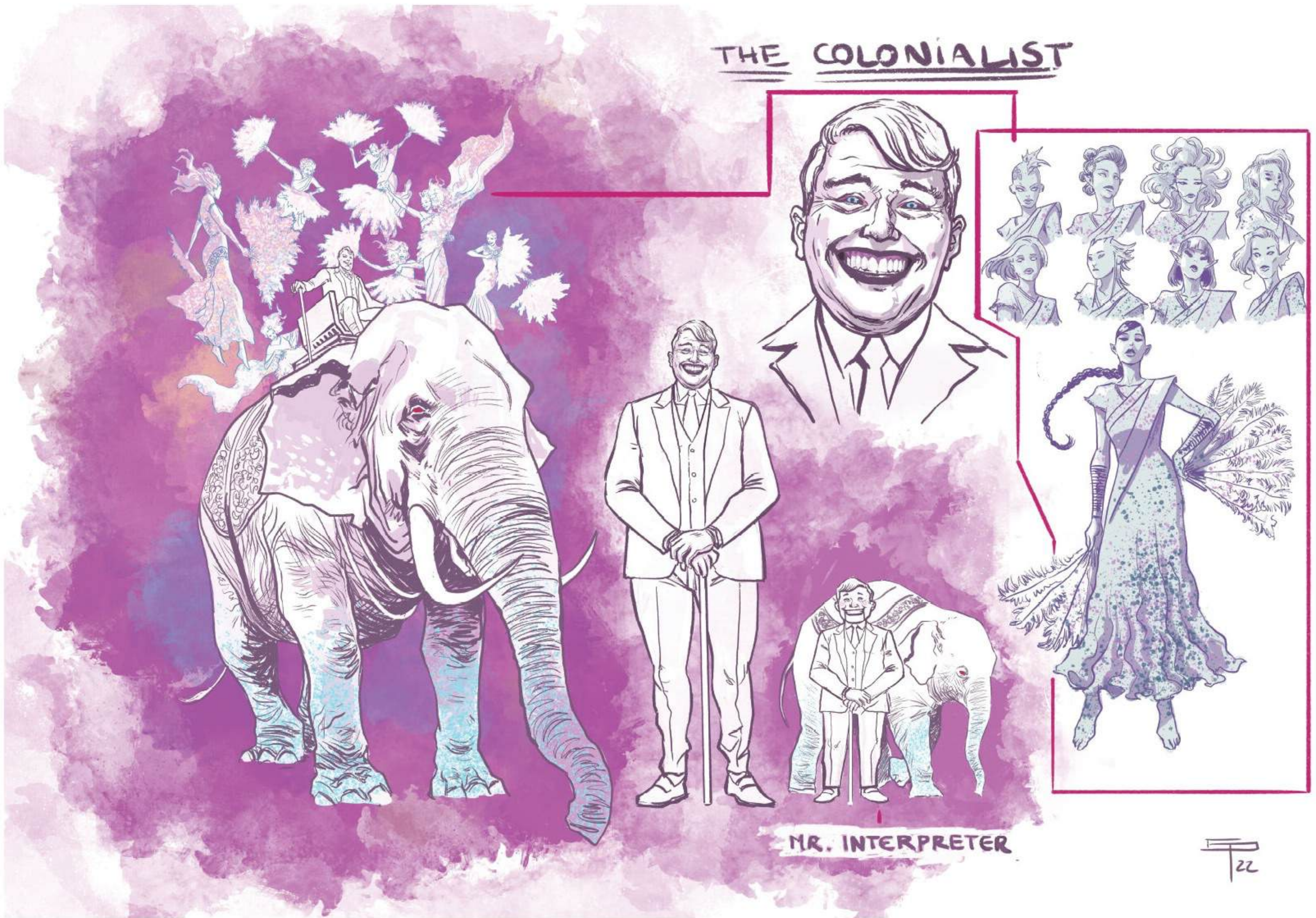
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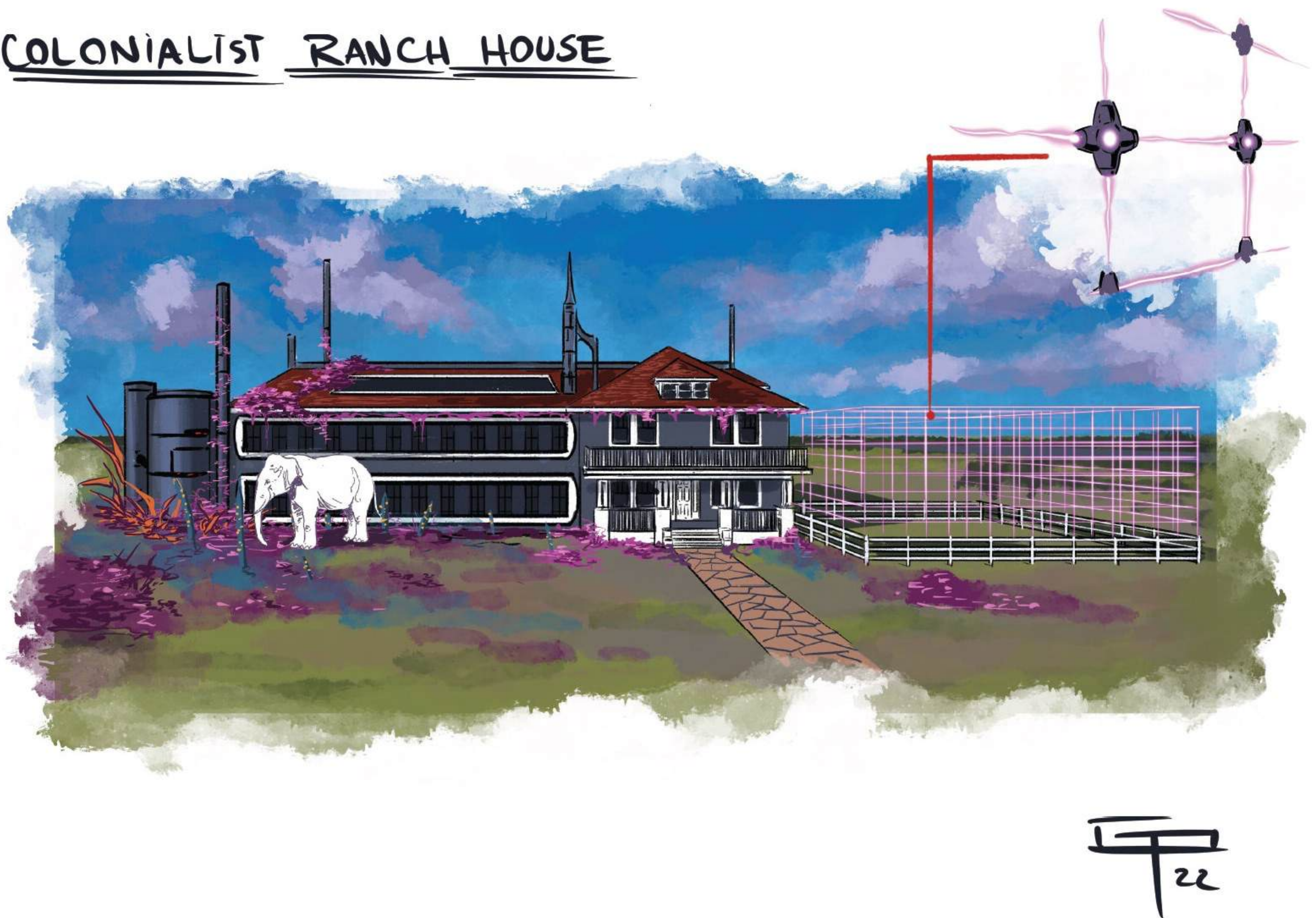
MUGABEE

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